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DEPARTURES FOR EUROPE.

Vessels.	Tons.	H.P.	Captains.	SATURDAY. 2 P.M.
B.I. CALEDONIA	7558	2750	W. B. Andrews	3rd Nov.
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	10th "
B.I. SHANNON	4189	800	E. Crewe	17th "
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	24th "
B.I. CARTHAGE	5013	1000	M. de Horne	1st Dec.
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	8th "
B.I. GANGES	4206	800	T Creery	15th "
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	22nd "
B.I. ORIENTAL	5045	1200	L. Moule	29th "
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	5th Jan.
B.M. CALEDONIA	7558	2750	W. B. Andrews	12th "
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	19th "
B.I. PENINSULAR	5045	1200	R. F. Briscoe	26th "
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	2nd Feb.
B.I. SHANNON	4189	800	E. Crewe	9th "
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	16th "
B.I. CARTHAGE	5013	1000	M. de Horne	23rd "
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	2nd Mar.
B.I. SUTLEJ	4395	800	W. J. Nantes	9th "
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	16th "
B.M. CALEDONIA	7558	2750	W. B. Andrews	23rd "
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	30th "
B.I. ORIENTAL	5045	1200	L. Moule	6th April.
† CLYDE	4136	800	C. F. Preston	13th "
			TUESDAY, 5 P.M.	
Ex.M. PENINSULAR	5045	1200	R. F. Briscoe	16th April.
			SATURDAY, 2 P.M.	
B.I. SHANNON	4189	800	E. Crewe	20th April.
† THAMES	4113	800	W. A. Seaton	27th "
BM. CALEDONIA	7558	2750	W. B. Andrews	4th May

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GISELA	A. Mitis	4,253	350	9th Dec.

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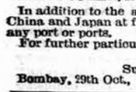

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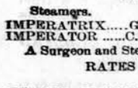

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GUSTAVE RAT, Acting Agent.
Bombay, 1st, November, 1894.

S. S. "EDEN HALL,"

Arrived 1st November, 1894.

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EDWARD, BATES & Co.,
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Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 1st November, 1894.

BOMBAY GYMKHANA.

NOTICE.—The BOATS have now been REMOVED from Bandora to the Harbour for the Cold Weather.

By kind permission of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Co., they have been again Housed at the Gun Carriage basin, Colaba, where they are available for Use by Members.

H. M. STEUART,
Hon. Secy., Boats.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS, BOMBAY BRANCH.

A DINNER and SOCIAL EVENING of the above Members, will be held in a Marquee in the Grounds of the Club House, Fitzgerald Hotel, Byculla, on SATURDAY, 10th November, at 7-30 P.M. Members and Tradesmen willing to attend, "who do not belong to the Branch," will kindly Intimate to the Undersigned before the 8th instant.

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INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

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TENDERS are Invited and will be Received by the Agent, at his Office, Jhansi, up to Noon, on THURSDAY, 22nd November next, for the Supply of Oils, CASTOR, COCOANUT, KEROSINE, LUBRICATING, LINSEED, BOILED and RAW, TALLOW, and WASTE, at the Jhansi Depot, during the 12th months commencing 1st January 1895.

2. Tender Forms, giving particulars of the Approximate Quantities required for Delivery at the Jhansi Depot, and the Conditions on which Tenders will be received, may be obtained on Application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, on payment of Rs. 2 each.

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4. Tenders should be superscribed "Tender for Oils, Tallow, and Wast,e" and a Deposit of Rs. (1,000) one thousand must accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered. If Government Promissory notes be submitted, they must be endorsed in favour of the Agent, Indian Midland Railway Company, Limited.

5. All Stores to be in accordance with the Company's Standard Samples, which may be seen at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi.

6. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
J. WILSON,
Chief Store-keeper.
Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, 22nd October, 1894.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

No. 2—TENDERS FOR MISCELLANEOUS COUNTRY STORES, SMITHY COAL, AND COKE.

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J. WILSON,
Chief Storekeeper.
Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, 22nd October, 1894.

INDIAN MIDLAND RAILWAY.

NO. 3.—TENDER FOR MISCELLANEOUS EUROPEAN STORES.

TENDERS are Invited and will be Received by the Agent, at his Office, Jhansi, up to Noon, on THURSDAY, 22nd November next, for theSupply of EUROPEAN STORES, at the Jhansi Depot, during the 12 months commencing 1st January, 1895.

2. Tender Forms, giving particulars of the Approximate Quantities and Description of European Stores required for Delivery at the Jhansi Depot, and the Conditions on which Tenders will be received, may be obtained on Application, at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, on payment of Rs. 2 each.

3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more Items from the Tender without reference to the other Items on the same Tender, and the Tenderer shall be required to supply the same at the Rates quoted.

4. Tenders should be superscribed "Tender for European Stores," and a Deposit of Rs. (1,000) one thousand must accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered. If Government Promissory notes be submitted, they must be endorsed in favour of the Agent, Indian Midland Railway Company, Limited.

5. All Stores to be in accordance with the Company's Standard Samples, which may be seen at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi.

6. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

By Order,
J. WILSON,
Chief Storekeeper.
Chief Storekeeper's Office, Jhansi, 22nd October, 1894.

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NOTICE.

IN Reference to the Advertisement, which appeared in the Papers, dated 11th October, 1894, calling for Tenders for 1,00,000 tons of Country Coal, for the B. B. and C. I. Railway, deliverable in Bombay Harbour, the Agent would be glad if Intending Tenderers would submit their Tenders so as to Reach by the 15th NOVEMBER, 1894, instead of the 7th January, 1895.

H. D. OLIVIER, MAJOR, R.E.,
Agent.
Bombay, 26th October, 1894.

NOTICE is hereby given that all Persons claiming against the Estate of ROBERT MACLAGAN, late of No. 4, West Cromwell Road, Kensington, in the County of Middlesex, General in the Army (Retired list, Royal Engineers), who died at No. 4, West Cromwell Road aforesaid, on the 22nd Day of April, 1894, and Letters of Administration of whose Estate were granted on the 11th Day of October, 1894, to THOMAS WITHEY CUFFE, Esquire, are hereby required to send in their Claims to the said Administrator, at his Office, Standard Buildings, Fort, Bombay, within one Calendar Month from the date hereof, at the expiration of which time he will hand over the Assets to the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which he shall then have notice.—Dated this 19th Day of October, 1894.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all persons being debtors or creditors of, or otherwise having any claims upon, or against the Estate of MOTLEEBAI, Widow of DINSHAW JAMSETJI BUTTIWALA, late of Bombay, Parsi Inhabitant, Deceased, who died there on or about the 15th day of September, 1875, and Letters of Administration to whose property and credits were on the 1st Day of June, 1878, granted by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay to DORABJI BYRAMJI PATEEL, during the Minority of FRAMJI DINSHAW and SAVUKSHA DINSHAW, the Infant Sons of the said Motleebai, to have effect throughout the Bombay Presidency, are required to send to the Undersigned at their Office, No. 13, Esplanade Road, Fort, in Writing, their Names and Addresses, and particulars of their debts and claims upon or against the Estate of the said Deceased within One Month from the date hereof, after which period the Administrator will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said Deceased then in his hands according to law, having regard only to the claims of which the said Administrator shall then have notice as aforesaid, and claims sent in subsequently will not be Recognised. All persons indebted to the said Estate are also required forthwith to pay the amounts due from them respectively to the said Administrator.—Dated this 11th Day of October, 1894.

ARDESIR, HORMUSJI & DINSHAW,
Attorneys-at-Law.

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ARDESIR, HORMUSJI & DINSHAW,
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2. Particulars of the Approximate Quantities required for Delivery at Bombay and Ajmere, and conditions on which Tenders will be received may be obtained on application at the Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, Bombay, and from the Deputy Storekeeper's Office, Ajmere, on payment of Rs. 2 for each Form.

3. The Agent reserves the right to select one or more Items from any Tender without reference to the other items on the same Tender, and the Tenderer will be required to supply the same at the Rate quoted, and Sign an Agreement for the due fulfilment of the Contract.

4. Tenders should be superscribed "Tenders for Indigenous Stores, &c.," and a Deposit of Rs. 1,000 (one thousand) must accompany each Tender, without which no Tender will be considered.

5. If Government Paper and other Securities be submitted, they must be endorsed in favour of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company, and as a further Security for the due fulfilment of the Contract, a Deduction of 10 per cent. will be made from each payment, until the Total Deposit amounts to 5 per cent. of the estimated Value of the items to be Supplied, or, at the Agent's option, a further Deposit will have to be made, so as to make the Total Deposit equal to 5 per cent. of the Total Amount of the accepted Tender.

6. All Stores to be in accordance with the Company's Samples, which may be seen at Parel or Ajmere.

7. The Agent does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

S. A. DUIGAN,
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Maharanee Ice Manufacturing Co	3,500	100	100	Nil	10nl
Mareks & Co., Ld	4,000	100	100	10	123
Napier Hotel Co	2,000	100	100	9 pr. ct.	50
Napier Foundry	1,000	100	200	...	60
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Port Canning Co	6,000	1,000	1,000	20	469
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Broach City Press Co., Ld	500	200	200	14	132½
Broach City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	12	195
Colaba	500	1,888	1,880	20	325
East India	350	1,800	1,000	125	1,250
English Press and Manfg	400	200	...	20	103½
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Sabapathy (Bellary)	500	500	75	20	480
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Sind and Punjab Co	100	1,000	1,000	200	2,200xd
Sind	400	2,000	750	35	615
Sorab Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	Nil	10
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				Half yearly	
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Bellary S & W Co. Ld. (Bellary)	871	500	all	9 per ct.	305
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Bombay National Manfg. Co., Ld	900	500	500	20	380
Britannia Mills	500	1,000	1,000	...	250
Central India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	1,370
China Mills Co Ld	1,000	1,000	1,000	35	400
City of Bombay Mills	800	1 000	1,000	Nil	850
Coimbatore S and W	600	1,000	1,000	25	598
Connaught Mills	1,000	100	100	...	110
Colaba Land & Mills	600	500	500	25	598
Coorla Mills	4,000	700	...	10	620xd
David Mill	800	1,000	1,000	25	460
Dhun Mills	1,400	500	500	15	335
Empress	2,000	500	500	50	1,000
Framjee Petit	2,100	500	500	25	455
Hindustan	1,250	1,000	1,000	Nil	355
Hingoongnat Mills	875	1,000	1,000	Nil	710
Howard and Bullough	700	500	500	40	660
Hyderabad	1,500	500	500	25	515
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Indian Manfg.	300	500	500	15	360
James Greaves	900	1,000	1,000	50	1,235
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Jewraz Baloo	1,800	250	250	5	140xd
Jubilee Mills Co, Ld	1,000	1,000	1,000	35	920
Khandesh	600	1,000	1,000	20	200
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Madras United	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	960
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Mahboob Shah Mills (Gulburga)	600	1,000	1,000	Nil	320
Manockjee Petit	3,400	500	500	15 pr ct	153½
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Maharaja Mysore S & M Co	1,050	1,000	1,000	60	2,050
Madura Mills	7,779	100	100	Nil	par
National	500	1,000	1,000	Nil	75
New Great Eastern	1,400	1,000	1,000	Rs 20	420
Oriental	5,725	625	625	Nil	435
Presidency Mills Co (Ld)	743	1,000	1,000	40	1,325
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Ripon Mills	600	1,000	1,000	30	950
Sassoon	1,500	1,000	1,000	25	1,385xd
Sholapore Mills	500	1,000	1,000	...	1,410xd
Soonderdas	750	1,000	1,000	Nil	625
Southern India	1,000	500	500	15	150
Southern Mahratta	1,212	250	250	10	377xd
Sun Mills	1,330	250	250	12½	195
Star of India	1,000	1,000	1,000	Nil	210
Swadeshi Mills	473	500	500	15	524
Union Spinning and Manufacturing Co	900	1,000	1,000	50	550
Venishanker Lakhmishunker Mill Co, Ld	912	250	250	10	377xd
Victoria Mills	900	500	900	15	500
Western India	550	1,000	1,000	Nil	120
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TO-DAY.

Bombay Provincial Conference, First Day, Framji Cowasji Institute, 4 p.m.
Music at the Esplanade Bandstand, 5-30 p.m.
Royal Yacht Club, Special General Meeting, 5-45 p.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived on the 31st:—Vindobona (s), from Kobe. Yesterday:—Goa (s), and Nizam (s), from Calcutta; Eden Hall (s), Liverpool; La Seyne (s), Aden; and Britannia (hired transport), Southampton.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday:—Ravenna (s), for China, &c.; Camorta (s), and Chupra (s), Calcutta, &c.; Imperator (s), Trieste, &c.; Gutenfels (s), Karachi; Inchisia (s), Rangoon; Azamor (s), Japan, &c.; and Kilwa (s) Persian Gulf.

PRINCE'S DOCK.—The steamer La Seyne entered today, and the steamers Camorta, Brahmani and Agamor left the dock yesterday.

VICTORIA DOCK.—The steamers Vindobona and Eden Hall entered, and the steamers Pachumba and Imperator left the dock yesterday.

POLO.—The ground is reserved for practice to-day, at 4-45 p.m.

BOMBAY NATIVE DISPENSARY.—Daily average attendance 260·48, admissions 2,549, prevailing diseases, fevers and diseases of the intestinal canal.

POSTAL NOTICE.—Mails for Porebunder and Cutch Mandvi, per extra s. s. Kola, will be closed at the General Post Office, at 8 a.m., to-morrow.

MILL-HAND STRIKE.—About 175 mill-hands, employed in the weaving department of the Sun Mill, at Ferguson Road, have turned out on strike, owing to their wages being cut off.

ENGLISH LECTURE.—Mr. K. P. Hatalkar will deliver an English lecture in the hall of the Government Vernacular School Kandevadi, on Sunday, at 3 p.m., on Morality and how to cultivate it.

RUN OVER BY A CART.—Hussonalli Gowaskhan, a cart-driver, aged twenty-five years, while driving his cart along the road, on Wednesday evening, accidentally fell off, and one of the wheels passed over his body, causing internal injuries. Hassanali was removed to the J. J. Hospital, where he is now a patient.

BURGLARY AT DESOUZA STREET.—Lalji Hansraj, residing on the second floor of a house at DeSouza Street, has reported to the police that during his absence from home between the hours of 1 and 4 p.m., the lock on the door of his room was wrenched off the staple, a cupboard broken open, and gold ornaments, currency notes, and cash of the collective value of Rs. 358, were abstracted therefrom.

DISHONEST ERANEE SERVANT.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Gustad Sheheriar, an Eranee servant, in the employ of a gentleman, residing at Mahaluxmee, was again brought up on remand by Inspector Barnet, before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, and charged with theft as a servant in respect of silver vessels, valued at Rs. 170, belonging to his master. He was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

MUSIC AT THE ESPLANADE BANDSTAND.—The Band of the B. V. Rifles will play the following programme, at 5-30 p.m., to-day:—

March	Hurrah
Overture	Orpheus Offenbach.
Valse	Amorettentanze Gungl.
Blue Violet	Caprice Eilenberg.
Selection	Boccaccio Suppe.
Fantasia	Diana's Call with Echo Aradt.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

SOCIAL GATHERING.—At the Y. M. C. A. Rooms, Apollo Bunder, a social gathering is to be held this evening, at 8-30. The gathering will mainly consist of conversation and games, but in order to give variety to the proceedings, a short musical programme has been drawn up, and will be carried out by Mrs. Flynn, Miss Walton, Mr. H. E. Harrington, and Mr. H. F. Good. There will also be a reading by Lieutenant Keane. Refreshments will be provided and ladies are especially invited,

THE SMALL CAUSES COURT.—Mr. Ruttonji Kotwal, acting interpreter to the Chief Judge's Small Causes Court, has been appointed head translator of the Court, in place of Mr. Bhasker Hurry Bhagwat, deceased. Mr. Frederic Spencer, the head assistant to the Registrar, has been appointed to act as Registrar until further orders, in place of the late Mr. Robert Wilson, deceased. Mr. Bapooji Dinanath, the second assistant, is to act as head assistant to the Registrar in place of Mr. Spencer, while Mr. Pillaji is to be the second assistant in place of Mr. Bapooji.

FATAL SNAKE-BITE.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquest yesterday, at Purbhadevi Road, touching the death of Vithoo Baloo, aged forty years, a dealer in vegetables, residing at DeLisle Road. About 8 o'clock, on Tuesday evening, deceased, when in a field behind his house was bitten by a snake over his right foot. Some marking nuts were applied to the wounds. Vithoo was conveyed by his brother to his house at Mahim Bazaar Road, on the following morning, and died on Wednesday night at 10 o'clock. A verdict of death from snake-bite was returned by the jury.

A DISHONEST SERVANT.—Ramchandra Bhaga, a servant, in the employ of Mr. Frederick Blodwell, was, yesterday, brought up before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, and charged with theft in respect of some pieces of wearing apparel, belonging to his master. The accused sold the clothes to a hawker. The defence was that Mr. Blodwell had directed him to sell the clothes, and he had done so. Upon the evidence the magistrate convicted the accused, and sentenced him to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

A VAGRANT.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, Mr. J. Sanders-Slater ordered W. Johnstone to be sent to the Government Work-house as he was found loitering round public places, incapable of taking care of himself, and under the influence of liquor. Accused requested his Worship to let him off as he had a friend coming here from Calcutta, who was ready to help him. If let off he would leave Bombay immediately. Inspector Nelmes who was in charge of the case, informed the magistrate that two months ago accused was let alone on making a similar representation.

DEATH FROM DRINKING.—Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, held an inquest yesterday, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, regarding the death of Shaik Chand Shaik Hussein, a farrier, aged sixty years, residing at Bhunderwada. The deceased was addicted to drink. About half-past 10 o'clock on the night of the 15th ultimo, Shaikh Chand, who was then under the influence of liquor was descending the staircase on the second story of his house, when he fell down, fracturing his right wrist and left elbow, and receiving injuries on the head. Three days afterwards the injured arm became swollen, and deceased was removed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, where he died at 10 p. m., on Wednesday. A verdict of accidental death was recorded.

A BRAVE WOMAN.—At the Esplanade Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders-Slater, acting Chief Presidency Magistrate, Ali Oomer and three others were charged with house-breaking by night. Nowroji Dorabji, a Parsee, left his place of business, at Bhoiwada, on Wednesday night, securely locking the doors. A little while afterwards, a Hindu widow, who resides on the ground floor in the same building, hearing a noise, went up to find out what was the matter. On seeing her three of the burglars managed to effect their escape, but one was stopped by the woman who barred his way, and held him until other people attracted by her cries came up and handed him over to the police. The other men were arrested by the neighbours in the passage. The magistrate sentenced the men to a year's rigorous imprisonment each.

ESCAPING FROM POLICE CUSTODY.—Kundia Dhondoo, a young Hindu, was, yesterday charged, at the instance of Inspector Hurst, before Mr. E. Wilkin, acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate, with escaping from legal custody at Matoonga. Some time during September last accused stole some articles belonging to his neighbour, at Coorla, and absconded to Panwell, where he was arrested by the Thana Police, on the 28th September. He was being escorted to Coorla, when he escaped from the police custody on the way at Matoonga and could not be found. On the 25th ultimo a policeman who knew the accused, arrested him at Parel village. Kundia pleaded guilty to the charge. The magistrate, remarking that the escape of the prisoner was partly due to the negligence of the police, sentenced him to one month's simple imprisonment.

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FATAL CONSEQUENCE OF EXCESSIVE DRINKING.—An inquiry was held yesterday, by Mr. Turner, the coroner, at Tank Bunder Road, on the body of Babaji Tatia, aged sixty years, lately a labourer, employed the G. I. P. Railway Workshops, residing with his brother, at Ghorupdeo Road. The deceased was an habitual drunkard, and spent all his earnings in drink. On Wednesday afternoon Babaji left home the worse for liquor, and as he had not turned up at 11 p.m., his brother instituted a fruitless search for him. About 5 o'clock yesterday morning deceased was found lying dead with his face downward in a gutter containing about three inches of water at Gunpowder Road. There were no external marks of violence on the body, except some bruises on the fore head and face, which might have been caused by stones in the gutter. The jury returned a verdict that the death of the deceased was caused by being suffocated in water in a gutter, into which he had accidentally fallen while under the influence of liquor.

ROBBING CHILDREN OF THEIR ORNAMENTS.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, one Rahimbux Currimbux, a Mahomedan, aged thirty-five years, was again placed at the instance of Inspector Good, before Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Second Presidency Magistrate, on three charges of theft of gold and silver ornaments, of the collective value of Rs. 62-4, the property of three complainants. The accused was also charged with having in his possession ornaments and sundry other articles of the value of Rs. 190, believed to have been stolen. The facts of the case have already been reported. The accused in defence said that these ornaments had been stolen from children by another man, who gave them to him for sale, and he accordingly sold them to several marwarees. After his arrest, the police beat him in the chowkey, and he pointed out to them the several marwarees, to whom he had sold the ornaments. The magistrate said that recently a number of children had been robbed of their ornaments in the locality. Accused was identified by several children as the man who had robbed them, and he also pointed out the property to the police. The accused was sentenced to an accumulated term of rigorous imprisonment for twenty-one months.

JOTTINGS FROM BHUSAWAL.

A CORRESPONDENT writes:—A representative team of the B. B. and C. I. Railway (Parel), who were invited by the members of the local G. I. P. Railway Club, were most hospitably entertained here for two days (29th and 30th). During their stay there were matches in cricket, shooting, billiards, and tennis between the Club and the B. B. and C. I. Railway. In the interesting cricket match, the B. B. and C. I. Railway won the toss, and allowed the home eleven to bat, Eccles and Ward being sent in to face the bowling of Grew and Mountain. Both were unfortunately caught out in the second over for very little. Milne and Pogson were then sent in, but the former was not long at his wickets, when he was bowled for 0 by Rowbotham. Hamilton joined Pogson, and the scoring now ran up fast, when Hamilton was caught off Maidment by Allison. Pestonjee and Redmond, who followed in quick succession, were disposed of for just a few runs. Then Maybury and Calvert, who followed in, added 5 and 6 runs, respectively. Shinnoch and Dr. Cooke were both bowled for a 0 each. Pogson staying in till the last, scored 35, playing excellent cricket (total 62). The B. B. and C. I. Railway commenced their innings very well, Grew and Ramsay being sent in to face the bowling of Redmond and Hamilton. Grew scored fast, but Ramsay rendered no assistance, being bowled for 0 by Hamilton. Allison joined Grew, and both continued to run up the score fast. Pogson, taking up the bowling, bowled Grew in the second over for 17. Then Maidment and Allison played well together. When the score stood at 40, the players came in for tiffin. On resuming play an hour later, the game went down fast, Pogson bowled Allison and Maidment for 11 and 13 respectively. The remaining six were all out for 0 (total 46). In the second innings the G. I. P. Railway did very well, Eccles being bowled by Maidment for 4 and Ward by Rowbotham for 5. Milne and Redmond, two excellent batsmen, ran the score up fast, playing good cricket. Milne was bowled by Allison, who relieved Rowbotham for 41 (score: 3 wickets for 120). Pogson joined Redmond but was caught off Maidment by Grew for 15. Hamilton fared similarly by the same men for 3, then Pestonjee, joining Redmond, added 7 more runs, when time was called—Redmond, having scored 74 during his stay at the wickets. The game was decided on the first innings, in favor of Bhusawal. Scores as follows:—

B. B. AND C. I. RAILWAY C. C. (PAREL).

1st Innings.

Grew, b Pogson			17
Ramsay, b Hamilton			0
Maidment, b Pogson			13
Watts, b Milne			0
Allison, b Pogson			11
Rowbotham, b Pogson			0
DeMello, run out			0
Foster, not out			1
Parker, run out			0
Mountain, b Pogson			0
Hines, b Pogson			0
		Total...	42

G. I. P. RAILWAY C. C.

1st Innings. 2nd Innings.

Eccles, c Grew, b Rowbotham	0	b Maidment	4
Ward, c Mountain, b Maidment	2	b Rowbotham	5
Milne, b Rowbotham	0	b Allison	41
Pogson, not out	35	c Grew, b Maidment	15
Hamilton, c Allison, b Rowbotham	9	c Grew, b Maidment	3
Pestonjee, c Grew, b Maidment	2	not out	7
Redmond, b Rowbotham	1	not out	74
Maybury, c Rowbotham, b Maidment	5	did not bat.	
Calvert, b Maidment	6		
Shinnoch, b Maidment	0		
Dr Cooke, b Allison	0		
Extras	2	Extras	15
Total	62	Total	164

The shooting match was fired in very good light, with no breeze at all, but the B. B. and C. I. Railway were unfortunate again, Maidment pulling down the average, lost by 57 points. Scores as follows:—

B. B. C. I. RAILWAY.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Parker	21	31	32	84
Fernandes	30	28	26	84
Foster	20	31	28	79
Thompson	26	26	26	78
Ramsay	23	30	22	75
Grew	21	24	26	71
Mountain	13	6	18	37
Total	154	176	178	508

G. I. P. RAILWAY.

	200 yds.	500 yds.	600 yds.	Total.
Rebeiro	33	30	25	88
Watson	24	31	30	85
Melville	30	23	29	85
Easdon	28	27	25	80
Jones	27	28	24	79
Iliff	26	26	25	77
Osborne	28	21	22	71
Total	196	189	180	565

In billiards four players aside were selected to play four games 100 up, the players drawing for opponents. The game to be decided on the net total:—

B. B. & C. I. Ry.	Points.		G. I. P. Ry.	Points.
Redmayne	36	versus	Hillum	100
Parker	100	„	Lilly	84
DeMello	73	„	Pestonjee	100
Ramsay	103	„	Melville	71
Total	309		Total	355

G. I. P. Ry. won by 44 points.

FANCY 150 UP.

Hallums, G. I. P. Railway, beat DeMello, B. B. and C. I. Railway, by 4 points.

TENNIS MATCH.

Doubles.

B. B. and C. I. Ry.		G. I. P. Ry.	
Redmayne and Rowbotham	vs.	Pogson and Brett	G I P won 2 sets to nil.
Parker and Ramsay	vs.	Barley and Ward	G I P won 2 sets to nil.

Singles.

Pogson beat Redmayne, 2 sets to nil.
Ward beat Parker, 2 sets to nil.
Brett beat Rowbotham, 2 sets to nil.

The local Amateur Dramatic Company played "Joffkin's Latchkey," together with a variety entertainment, and tableau vivants, for the benefit of the guests on the night of the 30th.

PROGRAMME.

Pianoforte Solo.....Mrs Furguson
Song, the Message.....Mr Brett
Comic Song.....the big fat man.....Sergt-Instr Wells
Banjo Quartette, Courier March.....Messrs. Redmond, Pogson & Picken brothers.
Duet, Very suspicious.....Mr and Mrs Furguson.
Tableau, You dirty boy.....Mrs Hands and Mr. Shinnoch
Song, the Postillion.....Rev D Prowby
Song, Beautiful boy.....Mr Furguson
Tableau, Scene Nicholas Nickleby.....Mr Pogson and boys
Song (with banjo accompaniment).....Miss M O'Gready
Comic Song, Lately bye and bye.....Mr Marsh

INTERVAL OF 10 MINUTES.

Plantation song, Shine Shine Moon.....Messrs Pogson and Redmond
Comic song, once a year.....Mr Picken
Song by the Fountain.....Mrs Pendlebury
Tableau, The three virtues.....Mrs Calvert and the Misses O'Gready
Song, Where is the man.....Master Mullens
Song, 7th Fusiliers.....Mr Graham
Banjo Quartette, Excelsior March.....Messrs Redmond, Pogson & Picken brothers
Song.....Mrs Taylor
Comic Song, The old Grey Mashee.....Sergt-Instr Wells

FARCE: JOFFKINS' LATCHKEY.

Caste.—

Mr Sloggs	Mr Furguson
Mr Joffkins	Dr Cooke
Mrs Sloggs	Mrs Pendlebury
Elizabeth Ann	Mrs Furguson
Scene	Mrs Slogg's drawing-room

VIVAT REGINA.

The banjo quartettes were excellent and quite a treat. Mrs. and Mr. Furguson's duet was also very good, and Sergt-Instr Wells' comic songs were always encored in the tableau vivants. The three virtues looked beautiful, and in the farce, Dr. Cook deserves the greatest praise for taking his part AI. The whole wound up with a dance on the night of the 30th.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE s s Inchisia, 1,333 tons, Captain W Halliwell, cleared yesterday for Rangoon, in ballast.

THE B I S N Co's s s Chupra, 1,432 tons, Captain F Sheldrick, sailed yesterday for Calcutta, &c., with a general cargo.

THE Hansa Line s s Gutenfels, 1,749 tons, Captain W Thormann, cleared yesterday for Karachi, with the same bottom cargo.

THE Bombay-Japan Line s s Azamor, 2,004 tons, Captain P Hogan, sailed yesterday for Japan, &c., with a general cargo and seven deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Khandalla, 1,318 tons, Captain C R Kendall, cleared yesterday for Calcutta via coast ports, with a general cargo, and Captain and Mrs Simpson as cabin and 20 deck passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s Goa, 1,217 tons, Captain M Steward, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta (6th October) via coast ports, with a general cargo, Mr W H Tandell as cabine and 44 deck passengers.

THE Austrian Lloyd's S N Co's s s Vindobona, 2,689 tons, Captain P Mersa, arrived in harbour on Wednesday from Kobe (29th September) via intermediate ports, with a general cargo, four cabin and five deck passengers.

THE Hall Line s s Eden Hall, 2,273 tons, Captain R N Jones, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool (3rd October), with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Lt and Mrs Harbottle, Miss Iles, Mr Boeap, Mrs Miller, Miss Anderson, Mr Marshall, Mr Foulks and two deck. The vessel is consigned to Messrs Edward, Bates and Co.

THE B I S N Co's s s Kilwa, 993 tons, Captain R W Gimblett, sailed yesterday for the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr H Beauchamp, Mr and Mrs Labot Effendi, Mr A Hill, Col A T Fraser, Mrs Pottinger and child, Mr John L O'Connell, Mr Sultan Raz Mahomed, Mr T Reid, Mr Allibin Hamed, Hospital Assist J Benjamin, Mrs Parker and child, and 65 deck.

THE French Mail steamer Laseyne, 1,151 tons, Captain L Blanc, arrived in harbour yesterday, from Aden via Karachi, with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Major and Mrs Hall, Mr Bernard and family, Mr and Mrs Windsor, Mrs Sleigh and 3 children, Mr Ottavi, Mrs and Mr. Barker, Mr Navalkar, Mr Kent, Mr Cristane, Mr Cremlin, Mrs Fuller and child, Miss Grover, Surgeon-Captain Hudson, Miss Chapmann, Miss Latouch, Mrs Taylor, Mr Chapmann, Mrs Butler, Mr Wilson, Mr Sleigh, Mr Sheriar Aspandear, Mr Jones, Mr P A Mendonca and 27 deck.

VESSELS IN DOCKS.—NOVEMBER 2.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Con.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Inchulva	1453	Brown	Havre	2-11	W & A Graham & Co
G	Naseri	890	Raffin	...ited Sea	...	B & P S N Co
E	Gutenfels	1750	Thormann	...Karachi	...	Glade & Co
F	Bozwada	5691	Mitchel	...	M	Maokenzie & Co
G	Sahadet	1091	Ahmed	...Jedda	...	H M S Nimazie
B & J	Avoca	905	Baker	...Zanzibar	...	D Jairam
K	Akbar	1141	Baldwin	...Not fixed	...	H C Jooma
L	Tannadice	1408	LeMiere	...Not fixed	...	H C Jooma
M	Brahmani	23	Budroo	...Marmagoa	2-11	Shepherd & Co
M	Powrangi	5153	S Falconer	...Bowmagar	3-11	Do.
O	Nyanza	1421	Abass	...Zanzibar	4-11	D Jairam
P	Thibet	1655	Peters	...Not fixed	...	Hajee Cassum

HARBOUR WALL.

Satrunji	547	A Sakirr	...Not fixed	...	Shepherd & Co
Mahanadi	548	D Adam	...C. Mandvi	1-11	Do.

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shd.	Vessels.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
2	Hispania	2213	Abrey	...Liverpool	3-11	W & A Graham & Co
3	D Baldwin

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SALE OF MATERIALS OF THE MARKET BUILDINGS AT BHOOLESHWAR.

By order of the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, the undersigned will sell for removal by Public Auction, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at 4 p.m., the whole of the brick building, measuring about 90 feet in length and 58 feet in breadth, to make room for the new building.

The sale will be held at the Market premises.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to the Undersigned.

SALE OF VALUABLE PLOTS OF GROUNDS BELONGING TO THE MUNICIPALITY OF BOMBAY.

The following 13 plots of land suitable for Building, situate at the New Command and Sussex Roads, adjoining the Victoria Gardens and the Byculla Station of the G. I. P. Railway, and Tramway Lines, near the Parel Road, Bombay, will be sold by Public Auction, as under :—

In pursuance of the sanction given by the Municipal Corporation of the City of Bombay, all the following valuable pieces of land in the property of the Corporation, will be sold by Public Auction, by order of Harry Arbuthnot Acworth, Esq., I.C.S., the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, by Messrs. MEHRJEE JOHNSTON and Co., Auctioneers, on the premises, at 3 p.m., on MONDAY, the 19th day of November, 1894. The Auction, if not completed that Day, will be continued, at 3 p.m., on each successive day (except Sundays), until all the plots have been offered.

Particulars of the Plots :—

Plot Nos.	Area. Sq. Yards.	Plot Nos.	Area. Sq. Yards.	Plot Nos.	Area. Sq. Yards.
1	723·6	7	1027·92	13	720·00
2	627·17	8	822·67	14	570·94
3	629·19	9	822·67	15	570·94
4	613·21	10	757·24	16	366·55
5	693·01	11	757·24	17	366·5
6	1025·68	12	738·0	18	832·87

Copies of detailed plans of the different plots of land can be had at the Executive Engineer's Office, Municipality, on payment of a fee of Rupees 5 (five).

For further particulars and conditions of sale, apply to the Undersigned, or Messrs. Crawford, Burder, Buckland and Hayley, Municipal Solicitors, at their Office, No. 30, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co.

Bombay, November 2, 1894.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and colored piece-goods, &c.

146 Kegs wire nails, 3 to 5½ inches.
1 double B. C. F. Gun.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 strong built mail-phaeton in good order.
1 strong victoria in good order.
1 strong cabriolet office shigram.
1 grey Arab, 14 hands, 9 years old, quiet to ride and drive.
1 chesnut Arab pony, goes well in saddle.
On account and risk of Esmail Hoosain—
4210-4430—1 case rubber snake-like serpents.
On account and risk of Alli Mohond Dhoila Jairaz—
3749-17617—1 case assorted black silk tassels.
On account and risk of Mahmadally Essubhoy Caderbhoy—
H M 377-17671—2 cases diamond cut deep gold beads.
On account and risk of Mohamedally H. Rupawalla—
H M A R 9-10—2 casks locks.
On account and risk of A. H. Nazar and Co—
A M V H N—220-24—5 cases handkerchiefs.
N and C—13-54—10 bales glazed shirtings.
2— 2 cases silk border dhoties.
1 waler cob, aged, believed sound, about 13-3, goes in harness, and carries a lady, quiet.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

Under instructions from the executors of the late Mr. C. E. Kane, Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will, on SUNDAY, the 4th instant, at 1 p.m., sell by Public Auction, at Bandora Hill, Bandora, near Mount Mary's Church, the whole of his (Mr. Kane's) valuable household furniture and effects, consisting of drawing and dining room furniture, glass and crockery ware, plated ware, one D. B. C. F. B. gun in case complete by "Adams," one D. B. L. C. F. gun in case, by "James Kerr and Co.," one S. B. B. L. C. F. gun and rifle, in case by "Silver and Co." revolvers, air pistols, Japanese swords, rich China bath tubs, a large double pole tent with rowti colors, first-rate pictures and oleographs, one photographic camera in case by "Eastman," with two lenses by "Dalmyer and Swift and Son," one strong English-built single-seated office brougham by "Hooper," one Calcutta built Stanhope mail-phaeton by "D. J. Kees," one strong dog-cart by Stephens, one 4-wheel dog-cart in very good order, a pair of very handsome strawberry grey Arab horses, 14-2, 7 years old, very quiet, sets of English silver land brass mounted single and double harness, gentleman hunting saddles, books, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view 4 days before the sale.

AUCTION SALE OF CAST HORSES.

On WEDNESDAY, the 7th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Mr. Gomer Jamal Vayani's Stables, Byculla, opposite the Byculla Club—

16 horses belonging to H. M.'s 2nd Bombay Lancers. The horses are from 14-1 to 15-1½ high, and some of them are trained in harness.

The above will be on view on Monday next.

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Bombay, November 2, 1894.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

SALE OF 25 TONS DELHI BROWN RAPESEED.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at Callian Street, by order and in the godown of Messrs. Nansee Khairas & Co., and on account and at the risk of Messrs Shewdayal Roodmal & Co.—

25 tons Delhi brown rapeseed.

A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 3rd instant, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the "Lena Lodge," Mahim, near the Police Station, and close to the Mahim Fort, the valuable and handsome black and teakwood household furniture, plated-wares, crockery, a handsome mahogany square pianoforte, handsome Brussels carpet, rich table ornaments, pictures, Zanzibar parrot, a good talker and imitator, Surat goats, ducks, pigeons, Bussorah fowls, &c., the property of Captain A. McDERMOTT, proceeding to England.

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On MONDAY, the 5th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on account and at the risk of Poorunchund and Purmeseridas, of Cawnpore—

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On MONDAY, the 5th instant, at 2 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white, and coloured piece-goods, and the following :—

3 cases assorted clocks and time-pieces.
4 kerosine oil cooking stoves.

On account and at the risk of Currimbhoy Jevaji, by order of Messrs. Murcott, Price and Co.—

1 case square padlocks, and 3 cases iron pickaxes.

By order of the concerned and on account out the risk of Mohunji Murrotum—

12 bales, each 250 piece, grey sarees 34" 7 to 11 yards.

The property of T. Redmayne, Esq.—One first-rate grand cottage piano, set of drawing-room sofas and chair's, bagatelle table, ottoman, &c.

AT 2 P.M.,

1 miniature mail-phaeton, by Windower and Co., in very good order.
1 strong-built office shigram.
1 handsome strong victoria.
1 glass-fronted brougham.

And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On SATURDAY, the 10th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at No. 9, Marine Lines, next to the Marine Battalion Mess, the very valuable and handsome black and teakwood household furniture of the latest design and of best finish, best electro-plated ware, Treacher's glassware, superior porcelain ware, an ebonized cottage piano by Soundy and Co., rich table ornaments, Brussels and Persian carpets, wind-proof lamps, by Hinks and Ditmar, wearing apparel, books, &c., the property of Surgeon-Major E. Burroughs, proceeding to England.

Catalogues will be published, and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

SALE OF 2 CASES SATIN CLOTH.

On MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, on account and at the risk of Rampertab Sukhdial, of Delhi—

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On MONDAY, the 12th instant, at 3 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sale by Public Auction, at their Rooms, by order of the concerned, and on account and at the risk of Goordial Polseram, Delhi—

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SALE OF LANDED PROPERTY IN KAKUDWADY CART, OUTSIDE THE FORT.

On TUESDAY, the 13th instant, at 4 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co. will sell by Public Auction, on the premises, by order of the transferee of the mortgages and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor, Dinanath Abbajee, the following property, viz :—

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For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to the Undersigned.

Under instructions from the executors of the will of the late Seedick Hajee Oosman, Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sale by Public Auction, at Chuckla Street, near Jackeria Musjid, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th instant, and the following Days, at at 9 a.m., each Day, the whole of the stock-in-trade of the said Seedick Hajee Oosman, consisting of pieces of cashmere, flannel, cretorine, refined Italian calico, velveteen, silk velvet, plush tapestry, silk and woollen damask corduroy, plain silk satin, satin cloth, dress prints, gauze and cricket flannel, woollen shawls, blankets railway rugs, toilet covers, window curtains, grenadine, wool, satin, linen, damask, napkins, duck, muslin cases, tapes, buttons, tassels, steel trunks, carpets, and borders, Italian figures, iron safe, looking-glasses, glass door cupboards, &c.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, Nov. 1.

AT the weekly biddings for Indian Council Bills in London yesterday, the 40 lakhs offered were allotted at 1s. 1 11-32 d., Calcutta getting 25 lakhs, Bombay 5½ lakhs, and Madras 9½ lakhs; the price obtained showing a decline of 1-32d. from the previous Wednesday's regular allotment rate, and of 1-16 from that obtained for the extra Bills placed thereafter. No extra allotments were made yesterday. It is announced that 40 lakhs will be offered again next week. The Exchange Banks' buying rate in London on India remained at 1s. 1½d.

Consols advanced ⅛ per cent. in London yesterday, say to 101 5/8; but French Rentes in Paris were ⅛ per cent. lower, at 101½; Paris Exchange on London being a centime higher, at fcs. 25·12½. A further sum of a quarter of a million was withdrawn from the Bank of England, making £675,000 taken in the first three days of the week 3¼ per Cent Rupees Securities were 3-16d. per cent. lower, at £56 7/8. Indian Sterling Loan was unchanged at 109¼. The price of Bar Silver remained at 29 3-16d. per oz.; but in New York the metal was ⅛ cent dearer at 63 7/8 cents; with demand Exchange on London unaltered, at 4·87½ dollars.

The London Sheep Skin Sale closed yesterday, with both Madras and Bombay Skins firm at an advance of ⅛d. per lb. The total quantity of Skins sold was 880,000, or the total number offered at this sale.

Linseed was quoted at 35 3/4s. per 416 lbs., business done, for March-April shipment to Havre, Antwerp, and Dunkirk, tone of the market quiet.

Cotton in Liverpool closed easier last evening; Surats easier, and Arrivals quiet, the day's Sales having aggregated 12,000 bales, inclusive of 200 East Indians. Spot prices were all unchanged; but American Arrivals were 1-64d to 1-32d. lower. The day's Imports were 20,000 bales. The Manchester market was steady.

In New York the price of ready Mid.-Uplands remained at 5¼ cents per lb.; but January Futures were 4 points lower, at 5·55 cents. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 82,000 bales; the figures to date now giving the following comparison with those for the same period in the two preceding years :—

	1894.	1893.	1892.
Wednesday's Receipts ...	82,000	42,000	41,000
Two days' do. ...	302,000	245,000	205,000
Since 1st Sept.	2,085,000	1,707,000	1,605,000

Cotton here has been dull to-day at a decline of Rs. 2 per candy, and with little business doing. Exporters have bought 500 bales of Dharwar, at 154½-56; and the Mills have taken 900 bales, consisting of 300 Bengal, at Rs. 136; 200 Veerungaum, at Rs. 175; and 100 each of Akote Ginned, at Rs. 162; Bhownuggur, at Rs. 151; Dharwar, ta Rs. 154; and Nuggur, at Rs. 144 per candy.

With the exception of a fall of an inch and a quarter at Bellary, rain ceased over the whole of the Cotton area after the despatch of Monday's telegrams, and the weather has since been reasonable, crop prospects being much improved in the Bengal and Oomra circles by the favourable change.

WHEAT remains a quiet market with only a small business doing for exporters' account, quotations remaining as follows.

White Pessy, 91 per cent....	Rs.	3	13	0	per cwt.
Do. 85 „	„	3	11	0	„
No. 1 Club Delhi.....	„	3	11	0	„
Red Delhi.....	„	3	3	0	„
Hard Yellow	„	3	12	0	„
Red Ahmedabad	„	3	7	0	„
Hard Red.....	„	3	6	0	„

SEEDS.—An advance of half-an-anna has taken place to-day in the price of *Linseed*; but other descriptions are unchanged in value. The market has been steady, and a moderate business by shippers is reported. We quote :—

Linseed	Rs. 7-12-6 to Rs. 7-14-0		per cwt.
Rapeseed, Yellow Guzerat	„ 6-0-0	to „ 6-2-0	„
Do. do. Cawnpore	„ 5-14-0		„
Do. Red do.	„ 5-8-0	to „ 5-12-0	„
Gingelly, White	„ 42-0-0		per. cdy.
Do. Mixed	„ 40-0-0		„

FREIGHTS are unchanged. A line has been done for early November shipment to Antwerp at 15s. 3d. per ton.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay yesterday were as follows :—

Cotton	857 bales.
Wheat.....	1,173 cwts.
Linseed	853 „
Rapeseed	1,233 „
Castorseed.....	2,622 „
Rice	2,700 „

EXCHANGE opened with a quiet feeling at 1s. 1 5-16d. for Bank Telegraphic and Demand, and at 1s. 1 13-32d. for ready three months' sight Credits, at which a little business was reported; and at 1s. 1 5-16d. Telegraphic, and 1s. 1 7-16d. Credits, for forward transfer and delivery, respectively, at which also we have heard of a little being done. The amounts passing either way, however, have again been of a retail nature. A small enquiry for Gold and Silver is reported; but we have heard of no transactions in these metals. Calcutta is reported 1-32d. higher than rates ruling here, which closed as follows :—

Bank Bills on Demand.....	1s. 1 9-32d.	per rupee.
Do. Telegraphic	1s. 1 9-32d.	„
Do. 3 months' sight.....	1s. 1 3-16d.	„
Credits 3 „ ...	1s. 1 13-32d.	„
Francs 3 „	1·41.	„

GOVERNMENT PAPER opened at 103 11-16, and 102 13-16 for 3¼ per cents for cash and the end of this month's account, respectively, and rates remained steady at this level throughout the day, closing without change.

SHARES.—This market has been closed to-day for a Parsee holiday.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE REPORT.

NOVEMBER 1.

STATE OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey, perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
CONTINENT OF EUROPE.—Via Teheran, perfect. Via Turkey perfect. Via Suez, perfect.
AMERICA.—Via Brest, perfect. Via Valentia, perfect. Via Direct Cable, perfect.
AUSTRALIA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
CHINA.—Via Penang, perfect. Via Amoor, perfect.
AFRICA.—Via Aden, perfect. Via Cadiz-Teneriffe, perfect. Via Lisbon St. Vincent, perfect.
Cable Zanzibar—Mombassa interrupted.

FOREIGN TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE.

LATEST dates of foreign messages received at Bombay, from the United Kingdom, during the 24 hours ending at 8 p.m., of the 1st November, 1894.

(Difference in Longitude allowed for.)

Via.	Latest Dates. D.	H.	M.	Time occupied in transmission. Hours.	Minutes
Turkey	31	4	50 p.m.	16	9
Teheran	1	2	23 p.m.	...	20
Suez	1	3	0 p.m.	..	6

Time occupied in the transmission of messages to Bombay during the 24 hours ending 8 p.m., of the 1st November, 1894.

	Maximum Time. H.	M.	Minimum Time. H.	M.
From Calcutta	1	2	...	1
„ Karachi.....	..	12	..	1
„ Madras.....	...	36	..	1

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY.
Bombay, 31st October, 1894.
Means of observations at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m., and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected 32 deg. Fah.....	29·881
Temperature of the Air	78·3
Wet Bulb Thermometer	71·8
Dew Point	68·4
Relative humidity of Air.....	0·710
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10).....	6·9
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m. next day)	84·2
Minimum do. do. (read at 8 a.m.).....	72·3
General Directions of wind*.....NNE, ENE, NW, N, NNE.	
Movement of Wind in 24 hours*.....	227·4

*From midnight to midnight.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 31.
10 p.m. ... 76·5
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 1.
6 a.m. ... 73·2
10 a.m. ... 76·6
2 p.m. ... 83·4
4 p.m. ... 82·4

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

THE CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTH.

BELL—October 25, at Cuddalore, the wife of R. A. Bell, of a son.
LANE—October 22, at Chenawan, the wife of Surgn-Captain D. T. Lane, Superintendent, Central Jail, Chenawan, of a daughter.
SKONE—October 21, at Amda, Singhboom, Chota Nagpore, the wife of Thomas Skone, of a daughter.
WILLIAMS—October 22, at Dehra Dun, the wife of Surgeon-

The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 1894.

THAT momentous event which the world has for days been breathlessly expecting has transpired, and Alexander III., the Czar of All the Russias, has for ever laid by the most absolute monarchy known in the whole polity of civilized nations. The telegram announcing the death of his Imperial Majesty does not state whether the Prince and Princess of Wales had reached Livadia, when the Czar succumbed to the complication of diseases with which his giant constitution has enabled him to struggle so long. The heartfelt sympathy of all nations will be extended towards the Czarina on the occasion of this most poignant trial, and no people will more sincerely condole with her Majesty than the English race, who are drawn towards her not only by a knowledge of her personal worth, but also by the deep regard in which they hold her sister, the Princess of Wales. An estimate of the Czar's character cannot be lightly entered into just at the first moment of the news of his death, for the thought which overwhelms all other considerations is this—will the peace of Europe be maintained now that its most autocratic arbiter, essentially a man of peace, has been removed? The question, fraught as it is with the most momentous consequences, is one which time alone can answer. Meanwhile it is satisfactory to believe that the young prince who has now ascended the throne of Russia will do his best to uphold the pacific foreign policy which his father so consistently and firmly maintained.

A FEW weeks ago we dealt at some length with the first volume of the comprehensive "History of Hindu Civilization under British Rule," now being written by Mr. Pramatha N. Bose, the officiating Superintendent of the Geological Survey of India. The second of the two volumes already issued--forming a moiety of the whole work—deals with the socio-religious, social and industrial condition of the Hindu race. The author first traces with considerable care the evolution of the caste system. This institution was unknown amongst the Rigvedic Aryans, but shortly after the Rigvedic period two great occupation or functional castes, the Brahmin and the Kshatriya, were evolved from the Aryans. The mass of the Aryan race, however, not belonging to either of these castes, were denominated Vaisyas. As time went on the non-Aryan or Sudra people increased greatly, while the great Vaisya and, to some extent, the Kshatriya castes, were disintegrated into various smaller castes, until there was evolved the marvellous system which, for thirty centuries, has hedged in by minute rules and restrictions the various classes forming the Hindu community. The influence of English rule upon that system has been mainly of an indirect character; through railways, steamers, commercial undertakings, and other educational agencies. If slow the effect has been sure, and we have it on the authority of this learned Hindu writer that more has been done by these things within the last half century to weaken the foundation of caste "than the occasional outbursts of reformative energy within the last twenty-five centuries." Mr. Bose cites as a remarkable illustration of the correctness of this statement the fact that men of all castes, from the highest to the lowest, are taught in medical schools on European methods, and use the dissecting knife on the bodies of the dead without any compunction. The cry raised by orthodox Hindus in 1835, when the Government first permitted native students to attend these surgical demonstrations, was that Hinduism was in danger. The cry has often been heard since and will continue to be raised whenever any innovations are suggested or considered, Mr. Bose comforts his timorous co-religionists, and urges them to dismiss their fears by declaring that, as Hinduism has outlived the decadence of caste restrictions in the past, so it will in the future—"the removal of the thick jungle growth of superstition and prejudice will ensure, rather than weaken, its existence." Besides this, it is extremely difficult, if not impossible, to rigorously observe caste regulations now-a-days. However great may be the privations which an orthodox Hindu will undergo to maintain those rules, he finds it impossible to rigorously observe them when meeting men of other castes and other communities in the school-room, in the railway compartment, and on board the steamer. Fifty years ago horror and indignation would have been excited in orthodox circles by the idea of a Sudra or Mlechha reading the Vedas, or even hearing them read, but now the reading, interpretation, and translation of these sacred writings by Sudras and Mlechhas is recognised and even helped by Brahmin scholars; and the study of the Vedas has come to be included in the curriculum of the Universities.

While, however, immediate contact with Western civilization has helped to remove or relax many social restrictions Mr. Bose shows that the marriage customs enjoined by caste-rules have, so far undergone but slight modification. He also points out that it is altogether erroneous to suppose that the prohibition of widow-marriage relates to the lower classes. Amongst them the practice has always been more or less prevalent, and the prohibition refers chiefly to the well-to-do. Nineteen per cent. of the total Hindu female population are widows. This proportion is double that of England, although one-fourth of the females of the latter country above the age of twenty are unmarried, while only a little over one per cent. of Hindu women are spinsters. The high-caste Hindus of the North-West Provinces and of the Bombay Presidency have, it seems, the unenviable reputation of treating their widows more severely than is the case in any other province. Indeed Mr. K. N. Govind Nath, in describing the sufferings of the Bombay Hindu widow, has gone so far as to declare that "self immolation, which Lord W. Bentinck stopped with a mighty hand was a pleasure when compared to her life of everlasting punishment" In Bengal the widow is treated with greater consideration, and the same is the case in Madras. Raja Sir T. Madhava Row has observed "that the Hindu widow is not treated badly, but kindly and considerately; and is not the drudge and slave of the other members of the family." Unlike many other proposed social reforms, the movement for the sanctioning of widow-marriage was indigenous in origin being started in 1855 by the late Isvara Chandra Vidyasagara, who wrote a work showing by copious citations that widow-marriage, so far from being prohibited, was sanctioned by the sacred writings. The book rapidly sold by thousands and created great excitement and a vast amount of hostile criticism. Vidyasagara, however, persevered in his crusade against what he conceived to be a cruel and unauthorised practice, and the result of the controversy was that in 1856 an Act was passed legalising widow-marriages. Thirty-eight years have since elapsed, but Hindu society still refuses to recognise such marriages, and it is doubtful whether the matrimonial alliances which have been effected under the provision of the Act exceed a hundred in number. One of the most noteworthy of these few instances was that in which Dr. Bhandarker gave his widowed daughter in marriage a year or two ago. The movement against child-marriage is making more encouraging progress, at least among the educated community. Gradually but surely the "predominant partner" in the proposed alliance is allowed a voice in a matter which so intimately concerns him, and young men are realising more and more the folly of undertaking marital responsibilities before they are in a position to discharge them properly. The custom of granting a marriage dowry, which has become somewhat more prevalent of late, has a tendency to make the guardians of the bride wait as long as they can in order to get the most eligible match for the lowest consideration. The earnest efforts in the cause of women put forward year after year by Mr. Malabari and a few other reformers led to the passing of the Age of Consent Act. Although this enactment fell short of the anticipations of Mr. Malabari and his friends, it was rigorously opposed on the ground that it was an undue interference with the "religious customs" of the people. This is the only instance in recent years in which the Government of India have departed from the line of policy laid down in 1886, that reforms affecting the long established social habits of the population, should, as far as possible, be left "to the improving influences of time, and the gradual operation of the mental and moral development of the people by the spread of education."

As already remarked, the women of the lower classes are not prohibited by caste rules from re-marriage; they are also free from the stringent seclusion, which is the lot of their higher-born sisters. But Mr. Bose seems inclined to doubt whether their liberty, earned at the cost of out-door drudgery, is so enjoyable as the life of the zenana, the ladies of which "live in a world of their own, and find as much happiness in it as falls to the lot of average humanity." Although shut up in zenanas, these ladies in many cases exert a powerful influence on the sterner sex, and many wealthy and respected members of Hindu society have confessed that "they owed their success in life to the sympathy, encouragement, and carefulness of their wives." Mr. Bose quotes the career of Ahalya Bai, who administered the affairs of a large territory in Central India, and that of Rani Bhavani, who ruled the Nator state, as showing that Hindu ladies, despite their limited opportunities for mental development, can, when occasion arises, distinguish themselves by their business and administrative capacities. But these cases are exceptional, and it cannot be supposed that generally speaking, the ladies of the zenana possess such mental endowments as to enable them to overcome the dwarfing influence of the surroundings in which they are "cribb'd, cabin'd, and confin'd." It need hardly be said that the influence of English civilization has been to considerably slacken the rigidity of female seclusion. In large cities like Calcutta, places of amusement are frequently visited by purdah ladies, whose curiosity, says Mr. Bose, "considerably shortens the conventional length of veils." This was especially noticeable during the Calcutta Exhibition, and some Hindu gentlemen went so far as to say that if the exhibition had remained open for a year, the zenana system would have been revolutionised—"ladies having once tasted the sweets of liberty would not have been content to remain immured." The joint family has from a remote period been the unit of the Hindu social polity, but on this also Western environment has exercised a disintegrating influence. The educated Hindu is beginning to ignore responsibilities beyond the circle of his nearest relations. The sense of self-interest has been developed by the increased costliness of living, and the rise in the standard of comfort which the last half-century has witnessed. In years gone by the furniture even in well-to-do Hindu families was of the barest description; now articles of European furniture are invariably to be found in the households of the well-to-do native. Great changes are also observable in regard to dress, more especially on the Bengal side. Some natives have adopted European wearing apparel almost in its entirety; others have made considerable advances in that direction. The change has been less marked in female than in male attire, but in Bengal many Hindu ladies have taken to wearing the bodice and jacket affected by European ladies. Similar developments are observable in regard to almost every other feature of daily life. If the deeply interesting and dispassionate work Mr. Bose has written proves anything, at all, it proves that the leaven of Western habits and manners is slowly but surely leavening the whole lump of Hindu society, and is undermining the numberless observances which have survived the political and social upheavals of three thousand years.

TIN-MINING in Mergui continues to promise good things for the speculators who are opening up the land conceded to them. Unfortunately the Jelebu Government has changed its policy in relation to them, and they have had many adverse circumstances to contend against. From the statement made by the chairman of the company at a meeting held at Singapore the other day, it appeared the altered attitude of the Jelebu Government had, during the past twelve or eighteen months, been not only prejudicial to the company, but even led the directors to consider whether it would be in the shareholders' interests to expand its operations in Jelebu, and action in this respect would have to depend on further experience in the near future. As far as the Board was able to judge, the getting in of State revenue at all costs has been the first consideration during the year past. In the case of the company, we are told, it was discovered that some of its works had overrun the boundaries of its mining allotments. The company itself—the Government being unable to supply surveyors—had no knowledge of this, and, when the position came to be ascertained, the Board had presumed (the encroachments being upon unalienated lands) that Government would have felt satisfied and content at getting 12 per cent. gross duty on the tin product. But this was not the case; the mines where encroachment had taken place were peremptorily stopped by the officials, regardless of possible and threatened trouble with and loss of collies engaged thereon; and mine workings and tin bearing strata that with the company's money had been laid bare or were being laid bare, or tin was on the point of being won, were put up to competition at public auction the company had, practically, on any terms, to buy in the concern to keep its miners going, and to secure their previous indebtedness. The position was aggravated, and in the opinion of the directorate made even more unreasonable by the fact that the Jelebu authorities had no available Government surveyor on its establishment to whom reference could be made to prevent these troubles. This position of matters forced the company recently to add to its staff a surveyor of its own, after getting the assurance of Government that his work would be recognised. It would thus be seen while it might reasonably have been thought or expected that the company's contribution to the State of 12 per cent on its gross output should be expected to ensure any aid from Government which would necessarily arise out of its own regulations, the company was met with the fact that it was not at present in the power of Government to give such, and yet, in the face of this, it had happened that mining works of the company had been summarily closed and put up to auction. These and other circumstances in Jelebu led the directors to keep their eyes open on the lookout for fields elsewhere, where perhaps the company would meet with not only favourable deposits of tin, but where it might also venture to hope for conditions less harassing. Such fields the directors believed were to be found in the Maliwoon concession, and the shareholders a fortnight ago agreed to take it over. This territory measures six hundred square miles in lower Mergui, and tin deposits have for many years back, been known to exist in Mergui and at Maliwoon,

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

DEATH OF THE CZAR.

LONDON, Nov. 1.

The latest telegram received from Livadia regarding the condition of the Czar states that the cough and the expectoration of blood have increased and the strength of the Imperial patient is waning.

His Majesty sits upright the whole day and night in an arm-chair and is unable to recline.

LONDON, Nov. 1, 5-40 p.m.

The Czar is dead.

RETURN OF THE DUKE OF YORK.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

H. R. H. the Duke of York, after accompanying his Royal parents on their journey to Livadia, up to a certain distance, has returned to London.

DISASTROUS FLOODS IN FRANCE.

PARIS, Oct. 31.

Severe gales, accompanied by heavy rains, have caused disastrous floods in several parts of France.

Several bridges, houses, and factories have been swept away, and 100,000 factory hands are left without employment.

The locality which has most heavily suffered is the Department de Nora, where all railway traffic is stopped.

SERIOUS FLOODS IN BELGIUM.

Almost equally serious accounts of floods are coming in from Belgium, in which country many factories have been already closed owing to the damages wrought by the floods.

THE EGYPTIAN QUESTION.

ATTACK BY THE *TEMPS*.

The *Temps*, referring to the changes which have taken place in the *personnel* of the Egyptian Administration, declares that so long as England has no regard for her honour, and does not care to fulfil the pledges she had given to Europe to evacuate Egypt, it matters little to France whether Great Britain's seizure of the time-honoured Egyptian Institutions is more or less complete in its accomplishment or oppressive in its effect.

SENSATION IN PARIS.

PARIS, Nov. 1.

There is a great sensation here owing to Captain Dreyfus, of the General Staff, having been arrested on a charge of treason for divulging the French plans for defensive mobilization to Italy and Germany.

THE LATE MURDER OF A EUROPEAN AT ZANZIBAR.

ZANZIBAR, Nov. 1.

The reversal, on appeal, by the Hon. Mr. Justice Jardine, of the Bombay High Court, of the sentence of death passed by Mr. H. W. De Sausmerez, the acting Joint Sessions Judge of her Britannic Majesty's Consular Court for Zanzibar, on two Arabs, accused of having murdered Mr. Walter Hamilton, at Turki Hill, Zanzibar, in June last, has caused great consternation among the Europeans here. They apprehend that the decision will produce a bad impression on the natives.

THE MAILS.

ADEN, Nov. 1.

The P. and O. Co.'s s. s. Clyde, with the homeward Indian mails of the 27th ultimo, arrived at 11-30 a.m. this morning.

WAZIRISTAN TROUBLES.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, Nov. 1.

One native regiment and two guns left Dera Ismail Khan for Jandoula, this morning.

THE AMIR'S HEALTH.

Official intelligence, just received from the Kabul Agency Munshi, dated October 28, states that the Amir is much better.

Habibulla Khan is still assisting the Amir in the administration of the country, although, according to later telegrams received, Ghulam Haidar Khan has now left Kabul for Asmar, where he will resume negotiations with Mr. Udny, at an early date.

TRANSFER OF PROPERTY ACT.

The Bill to amend the Act relating to the transfer of property, has now been fully drafted, and will be ready for introduction in December. All amendments proposed by local Governments have been acted upon by the Government of India.

ARMY RE-ORGANISATION SCHEME.

Orders for readjustment of the Adjutant General's Department have been postponed until the Calcutta Session. The Department will then be re-organized to a very considerable extent.

ROBBERY OF ARMS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, Nov. 1.

Eleven volunteer carbines, twelve bayonets, some pouches and belts have been stolen from St. Peter's College armoury at Agra. The thieves, it appears, dug through a wall, thirty inches thick, to effect an entrance. The police are investigating, but no clue to the robbers has as yet been found.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

PORT SAID, Oct. 31.

The Hall Line steamer Locksley Hall left here this morning.

COLOMBO, Nov. 1.

French mail steamer Oxus, from Aden, arrived.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, Oct. 31.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed easier. Surats easier.

Good Dhollera	2 5-8

The Manchester market has been steady.

2½ per cent. Consols	101⅜
3 per cent. Rentes	101½
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	109½
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	56 7-8
Bar Silver	29 3-16

The sum of about £250,000 has been withdrawn from the Bank of England.

A BERLIN Correspondent learns from Belgrade that the negotiations conducted by M. Garaschanin, the Servian Minister at Paris, with Queen Natalie for her reconciliation with the ex-King Milan and her return to the Servian capital have failed. Queen Natalie refused the proposals made to her, and moreover made no secret of her sympathies with the Radical party. This is, it is stated, the reason why King Alexander dropped his intention of visiting his mother.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE news that the Amir is now carrying on the administration himself is confirmed, and Ghulam Haidar Khan will proceed to Asmar again as soon as possible. Ghulam Haidar Khan will also resume negotiations with Mr. Udny at an early date, but at present it is considered advisable for him to remain in Kabul.

COLONEL ELLES, Deputy Quartermaster-General, will proceed on leave at the end of the Simla session, Colonel Mitchell being appointed to officiate in the Quartermaster-General's Department during his absence.

ON return from leave, Mr. F. C. O. Beaman, I.C.S. will relieve Mr. J. J. Heaten, I.C.S., as Judge and Sessions Judge of Thana.

ON return to duty Mr. G. McCorkell, I.C.S., will take up his appointment as Judge and Sessions Judge, Ahmedabad; Mr. M. P. Khareghat, I.C.S., on relief, to do duty, as Joint Sessions Judge there, and Mr. V. R. Inamdar as Assistant Judge.

PRIVILEGE leave for three months has been granted to Mr. A. Shewan, I.C.S., Sessions Judge of Khandeish, whose place will be temporarily taken by Mr. G. C. Whitworth, I.C.S.

MR. JOHN CAMPBELL, F.R.I., B.A., has been appointed to act as Teacher of Architectural Drawing in the J. J. School of Art, during the absence of Mr. John Adams, on furlough.

ON return to duty Mr. J. W. P. Muir-Mackenzie, I.C.S., will act as Collector and District Magistrate, Broach.

MR. M. C. GIBB, I.C.S., on relief by Mr. C. E. Frost, I.C.S., will do duty as Assistant Collector, Panch Mahals.

CONSEQUENT upon the death of Mr. J. H. Dickinson, Mr. E. H. Aitken has been appointed Second Class, Mr. H. G. Bulkley, Third Class, and Mr. E. P. Close, Fourth Class, Assistant Collectors of Salt Revenue.

MR. H PAGE, I.C.S., has been appointed to do duty as Assistant Collector, Bijapur.

Two years' furlough has been granted to Mr. A. G. Hudson, Assistant Settlement Officer, Konkan Revenue Survey.

THREE months' privilege leave has been granted to Mr. L. C. Crump, I.C.S., Assistant Collector, Ratnagari.

PERMISSION to return to duty within the period of leave has been granted by the Secretary of State to Mr. G. B. Reid, I.C.S., Mr. W. G. Betham, Deputy Conservator of Forests, and Mr. F. J. A. Hill, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue.

THE officer to be appointed from the Baluchistan Agency to settle the boundary in the Zhob Valley, will commence work in December.

MR. B. C. H. CALCRAFT-KENNEDY, on Mr. Rand reverting, is to do duty as Assistant Collector, Sholapur; Mr. R. C. Brown, I.C.S., as Assistant Collector, Ahmednagar, and Mr. H. O. W. G. Brooke, I.C.S., in a like capacity for Kolaba.

THREE months extension of leave, on medical certificate, has been granted by the Secretary of State to the Rev. A. York-Browne, Bombay.

THE Bishop of Bombay has appointed the Rev. W. E. Scott his domestic chaplain.

THE Rev. C. A. Gilmore has been appointed joint chaplain of Karachi.

SIX months' furlough, on medical certificate, has been granted to the Rev. W. A. Dickens, Chaplain of Aden.

CAPTAIN S. M. CONGREVE-SCHNEIDER, acting Third Assistant Political Agent, Kathiawar, has been granted six months' leave, on medical certificate.

DURING the absence of Lieutenant-Colonel C. W. H. Sealey, Captain H. M. Abud will act as First Assistant Political Resident, Aden.

MR. W. W. LOCH, I. C. S., has been appointed to do duty as Political Agent, Aundh and Phaltan, pending further orders.

DURING the absence of Lieutenant C. H. Lewis, Captain C. E. Pearse, 5th Bombay Cavalry, will act as Cantonment Magistrate at Jacobabad.

IT is expected that the official rate of exchange in French-India and France will be fixed at 1·44 francs per rupee for 1895. The present rate is 1·63, but the bank rate is only about 1·40 franc.

THE East Indian Railway earnings, week ended 20th Oct., were Rs. 9,98,704 Corresponding week last year, Rs. 8,45,932. Increase, Rs. 1,52,772. Miles open, week ended 20th Oct., 1894, 1,663·90. Corresponding week last year, 1,610·73. Increase, 53·17. Per mile open, week ended 20th Oct, 1894, Rs. 600. Corresponding week last year, Rs. 525. Increase, Rs 75. Earnings from 1st July 1894, to 20th Oct., 1894, Rs. 1,38,79,149. From 1st July, 1893, to 20th Oct., 1893, Rs. 1,33,43,953. Increase, Rs. 5,35,196.

PARTICULARS of the fire at Kasauli show that fifty houses were burnt to the ground and very great damage done, although it is believed that no lives were apparently lost.

IT is stated that the British officer who has gone out as Commander-in-Chief of the military forces of the Queen of Madagascar, in view of a rupture with the French, at one time held a commission in the 4th Dragoon Guards. He is a well-known cavalry officer, and has already had compaigning experience in the island. During the war between the Howas and the French, which terminated in 1885, he at one time filled the position of Military Secretary to General Digby Willoughby; while at a later period, when holding an independent command over a column of 15,000 native troops, he fought the only successful action achieved by the Hova forces against the French in the course of that war. Another British officer, who is immediately going out to Madagascar with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel in the Hova forces, and who will be called upon to do the duties of Adjutant-General, is an old West African campaigner.

IT is understood that on Saturday the Hon'ble Sir Charles Pritchard was in consultation with the officials of the North-Western Railway with regard to yet another modification of the time table in the interests of Karachi, and owing to the urgent representations of the Chamber of Commerce of that city. The fast train service in both directions, it is believed, will be accelerated slightly, leaving Lahore somewhat later, and arriving somewhat earlier than at present, with corresponding alterations *en route*, and Karachi is fortunate in having a friend at Court to look after her interests so promptly. But we have not heard of any attempt being made to redress the grievance of the Punjab in the matter of the fast passenger train to Simla, travellers and mails by which have to wait for five or six hours at Umballa till the train from Delhi comes to take them on to Kalka.

THE engine-driver of the ballast train which caused the fatal accident at Chaman, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

A TELEGRAM from Rangoon states that the ruby mines are gradually being deserted by the workers, who declare that the fees are too high and that the whole business is badly managed from a commercial point of view.

AN interesting note on the use of simul wood for tea-boxes in Assam appears in the current number of the *Indian Forester*. Mr. Smythies reports that there is no immediate prospect of the supply becoming exhausted, as the simul tree is of very fast growth, but contractors will have to go further and further from the mills every year. Although the wood is extensively used for tea-boxes in Assam, there appears to be a strong prejudice against it among planters in Dehra Dun.

SIR JOHN SCOTT has returned to Cairo, and resumed his duties as Minister of Justice. Sir Elwin Palmer, the Khedive's Financial Adviser, has also returned.

AN interesting ceremony, says a contemporary, took place at Fyzabad last week, where the Commissioner opened a fountain erected by the Maharaja of Ajudhia as a remembrance of Mr. Hamblin, the Deputy Commissioner, who is about taking furlough after a connection of some years with the district. Instances like this of spontaneous goodwill on the part of native society towards the officials are not so rare in Oudh as in some other parts of the country, as witness the bust of Colonel Horsford, lately subscribed for by the people of the district, among whom he had spent his time as a Deputy Commissioner. But it is pleasant to see that the tradition of the old Oudh Commission still remains, and are descending to the younger school of officers. Colonel Fendall Currie, the Commissioner, adroitly improved the occasion by hoping that the fountain would prove to be the forerunner of a complete system of waterworks, of which Fyzabad stands badly in need. The city has a population of over 100,000 inhabitants, and is well entitled to the boon on that ground alone. But its numbers are swelled every year by some millions of pilgrims who are perpetually thronging to the sacred site of Ajudhia, and whose presence makes a good water-supply nothing less than a necessity. On the other hand, there is the Gogra close at hand, from whose hill-fed streams it could be easily obtained. Under the circumstances the Municipality should not require much pressing to induce them to grapple with the need.

THE honour of being the youngest artillery General in the service belongs to Major-General Francis J. Caldecott, C. B., promoted this week in the vacancy made by the retirement of General Rawlins. As he was born in April 1842, General Caldecott gets his promotion at fifty-two years of age, which in these days my be considered a very fair rate of progress. He came out of Addiscombe in the last batch of cadets gazetted from the old East Indian College, and is the first of their number to obtain the rank of Major-General. The list, it may be remembered, was headed by a Bengal Engineer in Lieutenant-Colonel Allan Cunningham, who secured the last Pollock medal awarded by the East India Company at Addiscombe. This officer has since retired, as have most of the cadets of his year. General Caldecott owes his present advancement to the Brevet-Lieutenant-Colonelcy which he secured for services in Southern Afghanistan.

THE Bill recently introduced into the Imperial Legislative Council with the object of amending the Police Act of 1861, the Allahabad paper thinks, is likely to attract a good deal of attention from certain classes of the native community. It is one which has been long needed, and its provisions are based on principles of strict justice. Hitherto when disturbances, faction-fights or whatnot, have occurred in rural areas, and it has been deemed advisable to quarter punitive police in the areas affected, the local villagers and resident land-owners have had to pay the cost of this special force. No exemptions were possible under the existing law, the innocent and guilty alike having to contribute their quota. Under the amending Bill power is given to magistrates to exempt from payment all persons who, in his opinion, have been blameless in the matter of the disturbances, and to levy the tax only upon the guilty parties. No one can take exception to this reform, and it should be welcomed by the people when they become acquainted with it. Furthermore it is to be enacted that non-resident owners of property shall not, simply by reason of their absenteeism, be excluded from inclusion in the assessment for the special tax. At present an absentee landlord may actually foment a disturbance and bring down all the terrors of a punitive police force upon a village, while he himself escapes scotfree. In fact there have been cases in which such a landlord has found this the best means of coercing his tenants. Again, where party spirit runs high, a large owner of property, living away in a distant town, may send a body of *lathials* to harass his enemy residing on the spot. A riot occurs, more or less serious in its nature; the authorities quarter additional police in the district; and the resident landowner has to pay the piper, while the real promoter of the row chuckles over his discomfiture. These tactics will be put an end to by the amending Bill, as the magistrate will have power to levy the police-tax on "persons having an interest in land in the local area" affected, whether they are resident or non-resident. Another provision is the granting of compensation to sufferers from the misconduct of others. The wretched villager who has been badly injured in a riot or has had his house wrecked, though he himself has never shared in the local disturbance, will be awarded such sum as the magistrate may fix, subject to confirmation by the Commissioner of the Division. Hitherto he has not only had to put up with his losses, but has also had to pay his share of the tax levied to maintain the additional police. The Bill may not prove palatable to absentee landlords or to intriguing zemindars, but it is framed in the interests of the peaceable villager, and public opinion should pronounce strongly in favour of it. It has just been published in the *Gazette*, and will come up for consideration and disposal during the Calcutta session of Government.

WATER! Water! Water! It is the cry everywhere, says the *Pioneer*. The village sanitation scheme is practically all water; and no doubt it is of the first consequence both to improve the supplies and to educate the people into a more fastidious mind on the subject. But there are other things essential to health as well as the water we drink. One of them is air, and there is some danger that while people are letting in water, they will be shutting out air. This is inexcusable, for air costs nothing, and its exclusion is the result of artificial labour. Yet at Allahabad, for instance, the Municipality, while they have taken great trouble and incurred immense expense over introducing a water supply, appear to be perfectly indifferent on the subject of air. On every road leading into the place, in all the market gardens by which it is surrounded, in the compounds of the Civil station, and in any little patch of ground that a *mali* can get hold of anywhere, may be seen springing up dense plantations of guava trees in every stage of growth. The plant has always been a favourite one at Allahabad: it does well with little looking after, and of late years there seems to have been a silent revolution taking place in local agriculture which caused the cultivator to find that guava growing pays better than anything else. If any member of the Municipal Board were to make a journey down towards the Convent or to Papamau, he would see how acres of ground there which were formerly under field crops are being laid down in guava groves. These trees, as everyone knows, are planted in rows a few feet apart. They grow up very rapidly to about ten feet, and thicken out even faster, so that a guava plantation five or six years old is just as impenetrable an obstacle to the circulation of air as a wall of the same height. At the present rate, in a short time the whole town and station will be shut in with a guava rampart to keep off the breezes, and not only this, but such air as moves within the circle is impeded and confined by the local plantations which are allowed to spring up at every corner. The effect will be to render the place more hot, more muggy and less healthy than it now is. The Board occasionally makes a show of activity in the way of suppressing the cultivation of the tall crops, such as bajra and jowar, within municipal limits, but it appears to be paying no attention whatever to this far more serious nuisance. But the average "Member," it is to be feared, is the sort of person into whose head you can only introduce one idea at the expense of knocking another out.

AT Nancy the conduct of prisoners appearing before the Criminal Appeal Court seems to be rather trying to the judges. In a single day, they have had to deal with three cases in which insulting remarks were addressed to them. From the punishments inflicted, it is possible to measure the relative gravity in the French judicial mind of the different offences. Louis Steiner, who described them as a lot of good-for-nothing fellows ("tas de vauriens") was ordered to be imprisoned on this account for two years over and above the term of his sentence, which was confirmed; Francois Racquinet, who applied to the judges an opprobrious epithet reflecting upon the morality of their wives, received an extra term of three years; and Louis Briot, who called them "a set of cows," came off worst of all, for five years were added to his sentence for thus relieving his pent-up feelings.

ARRIVAL OF THE TROOPSHIP BRITANNIA.

THE Indian Troop Service Transport Britannia, under the command of Captain J. L. Parfitt, arrived in harbour yesterday morning from Southampton, which port she left on the 11th October, calling at Plymouth on the 12th, Gibraltar on the 15th, Port Said on the 21st, and Suez on the 22nd idem. She has brought Nos. 4, 7, 9, and 18 Company's Western Division R.A., for Roorkee, Secunderabad, Jhansi, and Rangoon, respectively, and drafts; Nos. 3 and 26th Eastern Division R.A., from Gibraltar, for Bombay and Roorkee, consisting of 58 officers, 15 ladies, 7 children, 1,418 men, 61 women, and 96 children. During the voyage there were two deaths, one of a soldier and the other of a child. Several entertainments, such as concerts, dances, &c., were held on board. Fine weather was experienced throughout the voyage. Officers and troops all express themselves highly pleased with the arrangements made. The following is the list of officers.

FROM SOUTHAMPTON TO BOMBAY.

Lieut-Col and Mrs W Aitken, R A	Lieut A B Whatman, 1st Som L I
Lieut Col J J S Chisholme, 5th Lancers	Lieut W A T McTaggart, Lanc Fus
Major and Mrs A Burton, R A	Surg-Lieut A J Chambers, A M S
Major N Maxwell, R A	Lieut and Qr-Mr and Mrs J O'Neill and 2 children, 2nd R Lanc
Major and Mrs C P Priscott, D S O, R A	2nd-Lieut A A Montgomery, R A
Surg-Major and Mrs E O Reynolds, A M S	2nd-Lieut J S Ollivant, R A
Surg-Major S O Stuart, A M S	2nd-Lieut C E T Rolland, R A
Major and Mrs A J J Ross and child, 2nd R Lanc Regt	2nd-Lieut C E Blandford, R A
Major J G Sparke, 2nd York, L I	2nd-Lieut W E Edwards, R A
Capt H Geddes, R A	2nd-Lieut G Stoddard, R A
Capt D Carry, 1st East Lance	2nd-Lieut T E M Lane, Unattached List
Capt and Mrs R J Forbes, sister and child, 1st Hants	Wife of Capt L G Watkins, R A
Capt and Mrs W Bertram, 2nd Manchester	Wife of Major Thackeray and 2 children, R A
Surg-Capt A Stables, A M S	Rev E Bronzerst, (R C) Acting Chaplain
Lieut W M Hall, 2nd W Yorks Regt	Rev J G Deed, (C of E) Acting Chaplain
Lieut J Belhouse, R A	
Lieut E W Grove, R A	
Lieut C D R Gray, R A	
Lieut B R Kirwan, R A	
Lieut A W Brown, 2nd Suffolk	

FROM PLYMOUTH TO BOMBAY.

Major C D Cottrel, R A	Lieut W McGildrowny, R A
Major F R Thackeray, R A	2nd-Lieut W T Armitage, R A
Major and Mrs G. G. Monck-Mason, R A	2nd-Lieut F F Corbett, R A
Major R C E North, R A	2nd-Lieut R H Goodwin, R A
Capt C W Brownlow, R A	2nd-Lieut E L Hardcastle, R A
Capt M M Noble, R A	2nd-Lieut R B Crofton, R A
Lieut S G Jobb, R A	2nd-Lieut A S Cotton, R A
Lieut C K Bushe, R A	2nd-Lieut H P R Coode, R A

FROM GIBRALTAR TO BOMBAY.

Major and Mrs E J K Priestley, R A	2nd-Lieut C R Kelly, R A
Capt A H Short, R A	2nd-Lieut H Biddulph, R A
Capt and Mrs H Rouse, R A	2nd-Lieut H G Sargeaunt, R A
Lieut A M N Mackenzie, R A	2nd-Lieut A J Thomson, R A

FROM SUEZ TO BOMBAY.

Lieut C S Fellows, South Lanc Regt.

MILITARY NEWS.

ONE year's leave on private affairs has been granted to Lieut. O. M. J. de Costa, Squadron Officer, 5th Bombay Cavalry.

SURGEON-LIEUTS. V. B. BENNETT, H. M. Moore, and Dudley Carter Johnson have been added to the Bombay Medical Establishment.

PERMISSION to return to duty has been granted by the Secretary of State to Captain A. L. Sinclair, D. S. O., and Major W. G. Alban, Major J. W. Wray, Lieut. J. H. Dickson, Captain H. W. Seymour, and Lieut. W. Ayerst, all of the Staff Corps.

THOSE who knew Major-General Beaugough, C.B., in India, will be pleased to hear of his selection for the command of an infantry brigade at Aldershot, which will doubtless prove the stepping stone to a higher appointment on the Staff. General Beaugough takes up duty at Aldershot with the commencement of the new year.

MAJOR F. G. ALEXANDER has obtained from the Secretary of State two months' extension of leave on medical certificate; and Captain G. A. Gott, one month, on private affairs; Lieut. C. F. Harold, two months, on medical certificate; and Lieut. F. Bullock, R. E., one month, on medical certificate. All these officers, with the exception of the last named, are attached to the Staff Corps.

A LENGTHY *Gazette* announces the appointments of a large number of Sandhurst cadets to their first commissions. Among their number is Lord Ampthill's younger son, the Hon'ble Victor Russell, who enjoys the exceptional distinction of being not only a godson of her Majesty, but also of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany and the Empress Victoria. This honour was conferred in Berlin when Lord Ampthill was there as our Ambassador at a memorable period in European history.

STOPPING A MAIL STEAMER.

AN extraordinary affair is reported from Maubin, in Burma, in which Mr. Pennell, Deputy Commissioner of that district, is described as playing a prominent part. It seems that the Irrawaddy Flotilla steamer Alguada carrying the Imperial mails, arrived at Maubin on the night of the 9th instant, when a number of policemen, with Messrs. Pennell, Durrant and Rogers, came on board, and forthwith commenced arresting the crew of the steamer. The Captain remonstrated and called the attention of Mr. Pennell to the ill-treatment his lascars and serangs were receiving at the hands of the policemen. Mr. Pennell replied: "I want the tax."

Captain Eccles, commanding the steamer, then describes what followed, when he asked, "What tax?" "He replied, "The capitation-tax," and further said that he would arrest all my men. My reply was, "Then do you mean to arrest the steamer?" He said, "No; I do not arrest the steamer; only the men." I asked him how the steamer was to proceed on her voyage without her men, and told him that I was carrying Her Majesty's mails. His reply was, "That is nothing to me." He then said, "If you will give me a list of the names of your men so that I can collect the tax on your return trip, I will allow you to proceed." I asked him to give me that in writing as it would be a more business-like way of doing things. He referred me to Mr. Durrant and Mr. Rogers as witnesses to what he said. The row then subsided and we proceeded on our voyage. With a view to preventing further molestation in Maubin, I got the Deputy Commissioner of Henzada to take the tax, which tax I believe is not legal. The Myook, I understand, was under written instructions from the Deputy Commissioner to collect the tax, and was in trouble because he had not collected any previously. Hence the extra severe measures that have been resorted to. I would be greatly obliged if you would inform me on behalf of my serang who is responsible for the damage he has sustained."—*Englishman*.

The *Rangoon Times*, commenting on this extraordinary proceeding, remarks:—"The comicality of the thing strikes one, arresting the progress of Her Majesty's mails as a means of collecting Her Majesty's taxes. It's like cutting off one's nose to spite one's face."

THE SEVENTH PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

THE following is the programme of the above Conference:—

The Seventh Provincial Conference holds its first sitting this afternoon at 4 o'clock in the hall of the Framji Cowasji Institute.

The chairman of the reception committee, Mr. Currimbhoy Ebrahim, will welcome the assembled delegates and briefly address them.

The president-elect will then deliver an address.

The delegates will elect a subjects committee for the purpose of determining the subjects to be discussed during the two following evenings.

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending October 30 was 458, giving a death-rate of 27·39 per annum per thousand as against 24·67 the corresponding period of last year, and 25·92 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 122 died from fevers; 1, smallpox; 4, measles; 52, phthisis; 1, cholera; 3, leprosy; 43, diseases of the nervous system; 73, affections of the respiratory organs; 20, diarrhœa; 11, dysentery; 25, still-born; 56, old age and debility; 9, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows:—Jain, 27; Brahmin, 19; Bhattia 6; Hindu of other caste, 209; Hindu outcaste, 43; Mussalman, 113; Parsee, 19; Jew, 2; Native Christian, 13; Eurasian, 4; European, 2; Negro-African, 1. The total number of births was 278 as against 289 the corresponding period of last year, and 319 the average over the past five years.

AN EXTENSION of time will be granted by the Government of India for the preparation of the new Indian Railway Rules.

THE New South Wales Government is sending four officers of the New South Wales military forces to India for a course of instruction.

ALEXANDER III. OF RUSSIA.

ALEXANDER III., Emperor of All the Russias, who died yesterday, was born on the 26th February, 1845, according to the old style of reckoning which still prevails in Russia, on the 10th March, by the Gregorian calendar. He was the second son of Alexander II. and of Princess Maria, daughter of the late Duke of Hesse-Darmstadt. He ascended the throne in 1881 after the assassination of his father by the Nihilists. But it was not until two years afterwards that he was crowned, for the Nihilists were active, and Alexander to elude them lived in retirement at Gatschina, governing a people whom he never saw. As is well-known, the Czarina, now stricken with grief, is the younger sister of the Princess of Wales, a daughter of the King of Denmark. The story of his marriage is remembered by most of us, as it formed a precedent to the marriage of the Duke of York with the Princess May. His elder brother had been betrothed to the Princess Maria Dagmar, and after his death was married by Alexander. His reign has not been a notable one, for it has been mainly devoted to the suppression of Nihilism. But his Imperial Majesty certainly did much to develope military power of Russia, and to turn to best advantage her Asiatic and Caucasian provinces. Less is known of the Czar than of other monarchs, for, as Mr. Felix Vothovsky wrote not long ago, there are spheres of Russian life which are strictly interdicted to literature—indeed to the eye and ear of the whole Russian people. They are allowed to be informed now and then (*post factum*) at what reviews the Czar has made his appearance. They get regular intelligence about all births and deaths occurring in the innumerable royal family, as they must know the proper time both for rejoicing and sorrowing.

THE CZAR AS CZAREWITCH.

It is said that, before his accession to the throne, the late Czar, in private life, was cheerful and simple, fond of pleasantry and of jests, which, in spite of their being constantly repeated, produced the impression of heartiness. He thought it his duty when he had adopted a course of action to follow it out "with a fearlessness and severity which cost him no effort precisely because of the narrowness of his vision and the coldness of his nature. Not a trace of his grandfather's qualities, we are told by a recent German author, descended to his grandson. Alexander III. grew up under the influence of the great agitation which attended the abolition of serfdom, when all existing institutions were called in question. When eleven years old, he was impressed by the total collapse of the institution set by his grandfather, and by the wholesale désertion of the men who had been looked upon as the pillars of the old system. One after another the fundamental institutions of Nicholas crumbled to dust as soon as the breath of the new time began to touch them. What was previously regarded as sacred and venerable, lost its significance in a night, and we need not wonder that the boy who had been brought up in the Winter Palace failed to understand the new condition of things. Until his twentieth year Alexander Alexandrovich had no prospect of succeeding to the throne. He was brought up as a soldier, as exclusively as his grandfather had been before him; it was natural, therefore, when his brother died, that he should have found himself totally unprepared for the fulfilment of his future duties. But it was impossible for him to shut his eyes to his destiny with all the *naivete* of former times, and to consider a ruler's calling and a ruler's capacity as convertible terms. For he had been a witness of the terrible crises of 1860 and 1861—the first "students' disturbances," the abolition of serfdom, the rebellious outbreaks of the peasantry, the hostile demonstrations of the nobility; in 1862—the revolutionary May fires, the issue of the Statutes of the new judicial and provincial administration; and in 1863—the Polish-Lithuanian revolution. But the task of remedying the defects of the past appeared enormously difficult to one who had formerly considered it sufficient to fulfil the ordinary duties pertaining to his office. Nevertheless he was not daunted. He applied himself assiduously to his studies, and it was while he was in the midst of these that the first of the attempts directed against his father's life was made. The event shook the very foundations of his existence; he felt himself on the verge of an abyss whose yawning depth was not dreamt of by the wisest men of the time. The events which followed this criminal attempt, wrote Mr. Von Samson—

were accompanied by a vexatious party warfare which continued during the following year, and was never completely settled. This was the year of Alexander Alexandrovich's marriage with the intended bride of his deceased brother. The malcontents, as always happens, tried to ingratiate themselves with the heir to the throne, and to perplex and entangle his straightforward nature in the meshes of their interminable intrigues. It was known that the Emperor had betrayed a certain amount of sympathy with European Liberals, even when their influence was on the decline, and that he took an interest in the successes of Prussia, which had come to the front since 1866. This was gall and wormwood to the fanatics of the national party. It enabled the supporters of Aksakov and Katkov to play upon the Czarevich, and by pointing to a return of dangers which were only apparently allayed to inspire him with fears of impending dangers: it also sufficed to cast suspicion on the ministers Valuev and Shuvalov, who favoured a European policy.

Tschikalov, a discharged provincial governor, had attacked Valuev with singular virulence since the winter of 1867-1868, the year of famine. He was a base intriguer, who, as a member of the committee of distress, of which the Czarevich was president, tried to establish a party hostile to the Minister of the Interior, and he managed to entangle his august patron in a correspondence with Aksakov, which fell at last into the hands of the secret police, and involved the Grand Duke in angry disputes with Count Shuvalov. Subsequently Bogolyubov, a painter, succeeded in becoming one of the confidants of the Czarevich. He made skilful use of the general discontent with Alexander II's friendship for Prussia in 1870, and raised against the Czarevich the suspicion of carrying on a systematic opposition to his father's policy. At that time certain radical worshippers of Gambetta were momentarily successful in gaining the ear of the Czarevich, and of obtaining for him the reputation of entertaining ideas of a decidedly constitutional character. The Commune and the events of May, 1871, quickly dispelled these foolish notions; but the Czarevich never retreated from the position into which he had been driven. These velleities, which were so little in keeping with the transparent honesty of his character, and which had been forced upon him, were only brought to a close by the outbreak of the Turkish war. What this war brought in its train was worse than anything that had been seen before. After a promising beginning, disappointment followed upon disappointment; one authority after another crumbled into dust, and the Czarevich was once more forced into opposition to his father. The Czarevich knew better than the Czar that the charges of embezzlement and dishonesty made against the commander-in-chief were only too well founded, that the impression produced by the defeats before Plevna had caused a threatening agitation in the minds of the soldiers, and that the retirement of the Czar to Gorny-Stjuden, and his disappearance for weeks from the eyes of the people, were fraught with serious dangers. The memorial forwarded through Vorontsoy to the seat of war was addressed not to the Emperor, but to the Czarevich. In this memorial Aksakov proposed the appointment of a central committee, consisting of delegates of all the zemstvos which should take the business in hand, and find out more capable men than those who were formerly army captains; and it was not the fault of the Czarevich that this document was disregarded. Deeply moved by the horrors of the war, which as a conscientious commander of an army corps, he had become acquainted with in all their terrible details. The Czarevich on his return from the seat of war produced on all those who happened to see him the impression of a thorough pessimist.

HIS DISADVANTAGES.

The disadvantages Alexander Czarevich suffered under were great. Naturally severe and simple-minded, the Czarevich, from his twentieth year, stood under the weight of a task whose magnitude was above his powers and his education. He was torn hither and thither by impressions of the most contradictory kind. He was deceived in everything which he had accepted as fixed [and authoritative. He was excluded from all participation in the business which should form the work of his life, and from the nature of his position he was prevented from sharing with trusted friends the burden imposed upon him. The consequence of all this was that he lost confidence in himself and in his powers.

His grandfather had tried one system, his father the opposite, and both were baffled—both had found out that the instrument of war had failed at the critical moment, just as the painfully elaborated civil order had done, and that a desertion had followed the failure, making the professions of the most loyal people in the earth appear a mockery and a lie. Where should belief in the future and confidence in oneself be found, in the midst of a chaos which seemed incomparably worse than anything which had ever been experienced in the so-called "pagan" lands of the West?

The catastrophe of March 1st (13th) happened, as is well known, on the day on which Alexander II. had resolved to call an assembly composed of representatives of all provincial *zemstvos*. He acted on the advice of three of his most prominent ministers—Loris Melikov, Milyutin and Abaza, the Minister of Finance. It was only when the horrified son stood before the shockingly mutilated corps of his father Mr. Von Samson tells us in the very excellent work which Mr Morrison has translated, that he became acquainted with the particulars of the resolution which had been taken.

ALEXANDER III. AS CZAR.

Friends and foes agreed that Alexander ruler of all the Russians possesses in an unusual degree the virtues of an estimable private man—an excellent husband, a loving father, an economical and conscientious master of his house. He has an antipathy to all kinds of untruthfulness, immorality, and frivolity, and he is distinguished for the industry and punctuality with which he fulfils the duties of his high calling. "Disinclined to every kind of coquetry, he goes his own way without courting the favour and applause of the people, and without using any of those little arts by which men in his station are wont to ingratiate themselves. When one sees him for the first time he looks as severe and imperious as his grandfather. Like him, too, Alexander III. is firm, resolute, averse to all concessions, and so completely penetrated with the right of his personality and his exceptional position, that inaccessibility to foreign influences and to considerations of doubt or apprehension can be easily understood. The Emperor's innate nature was said to be impressionable, and ever prone to be at variance with itself; his contact with the world drove him to distrust and doubt both himself and others; in spite of his most strenuous endeavours to become a self-sufficient autocrat, he never succeeded in the process. His characteristic reserve arose partly from an inborn and invincible shyness, partly from a want of self-confidence. The undeviating persistence in following out a given line of action represented a sense of duty which had been painfully acquired; not from an inner necessity.

HIS HONESTY AND INTEGRITY.

Notwithstanding all Mr. Stead said in the Czar's favour, Mr. Volhovsky condemns him as a obstinate narrow-minded man who with the pertinacity of strong conviction clung to the idea that it is good to do evil. He was

a hot-tempered person who has to keep himself in check by means of reason, which he unfortunately is not very abundantly provided with. He is supposed to be very kind at heart, yet all around him trembles, as he is convinced that to be independent he must be stern. He is supposed to be honest, and so in a certain way he is; and yet he does things which are not easily reconciled with honesty, simply understood. As early as the Turkish war Alexander III. lost all belief in the honesty of Russian bureaucracy, and in the efficacy of the control exercised over it at present. He had many opportunities later on to see clearly how grossly he was cheated by his own agents, Alexaner III.'s honesty came out in its unmistakable character—the honesty of a good householder and shopkeeper, but certainly not that of the sovereign of a great state. He felt himself entrusted by fate, history, or the orthodox Almighty, with a certain position, a certain power; this power he must transmit undiminished to his children and grandchildren. And so he will, at any cost. He is too good a father, and too honest in filling the duties of his position, not too "honestly torture over a hundred millions of men, women, and children, provided his "duty" towards the dynasty and the principle of autocratic bureaucracy be done!

One of his predecessors, Peter I., was not such a good father. He had put to the rack, tried, and secretly executed (those were cruel, brutal times) his own son Alexis because he considered him a traitor to the Russian nation. He was not a very good father, no; but he was undoubtedly *a really honest sovereign*. I am afraid Alexander III. is not much like him. Even not going, in our standard of a ruler's honesty, so far as that, one may feel very disappointed when looking into some particulars of the present Czar's personal

the recent Czar in the *Contemporary Review*. This is what we are told is the real clue to the character of the Czar:—

THE CLUE TO HIS CHARACTER.

"The Czar, like the bulk of his countrymen, is a believer in the continuous interference of Providence with the course of human events, in the divine missions of men and women, in modern prophecies, miracles, voices, and visions; and his belief in his own special mission as God's vicegerent is of the nature of Tertullian's faith, which, having fed upon all accessible impossibilities, waxed stronger and craved for more. And this is the real clue to his character, the source of his strength and weakness. In other words, the unity in this bewildering multiplicity, the cement that knits together the fragments of this curious psychological mosaic, is a mistaken religious sense of duty based upon an exaggerated sense of importance.

The Czar's moral staple consists mainly of negative virtues which leave the imagination cold. There are no white-hot passions, no headstrong vices, no noble enthusiasms which distinguish the born ruler of men. His attitude is usually quiescent; his passivity frequently Buddhistic; and whenever the spirit bloweth upon him as it listeth it puffeth up quite as often as it moves and inspirits. Truly it is well for many humam beings—and the Czar is one of the multitude—that, in spite of the contrary assertion of the German mystic, character is something very different from destiny. Those who accuse the Emperor of cruelty, wrong the man and misconstrue his acts.

THE PEACE-KEEPER OF EUROPE.

"Lanin" says that none of his Ministers entertain the slightest doubt that even at the present day the mental arc of an ordinary Russian farmer is quite sufficient to measure the curb of the intellectual circle of a ruler which is nonsense.

"Lanin" admits that—

The will of this one man, opposed by his courtiers, his officers, and his favourite journalists, is the only barrier that stands between Europe and a sanguinary war.

The Peace-keeper of Europe is devoid of any personal ambition excepting to do his duty and keep the peace. We are told:—Alexander III. has never regarded his kingly office as anything but a heavy burden which personal inclination as well as common prudence imperatively urged him to shake off; and he richly deserves all the credit attaching to the mistaken sense of religious duty with which he struggled against the former, and the manly courage which he successfully opposed to the latter. His own modest ambition would have been amply satisfied could he have tasted the quiet joys of family life, bringing up his children in the warm sunshine of his affection, and giving them the best education he knew of. He never coveted a crown, and when he found himself in possession of the heaviest crowd in Europe, he placed his head under it with the melancholy resignation of the condemned criminal holding his head under the fatal noose. "It's awfully hard lines that I, of all others, should become Emperor of Russia," was his remark soon after it had become an accomplished fact.

LIFE AT GATCHINA.

The following is the account of the way in which the Czar spends his day:—

The Czar's daily habits of life are those of a Pope rather than of a secular monarch, his relaxations those of a prisoner rather than of a potentate. When residing at Gatchina he generally rises at seven a.m., whereas few noblemen in the capitalleave their beds much before midday: and I am personally acquainted with two who rise with the regularity of clockwork at three o'clock every day. He then takes a quiet stroll in the uninteresting, well-watched palace park, returns to early breakfast, and engages in severe manual labour as a preparation for the official work of the day. The latter consists mainly in the reading and signing of enormous piles of edicts, ukases, laws, and reports, all of which he conscientiously endeavours to understand. Upon the margins of these documents he writes his decision or his impressions with a frankness and *abandon* which laughs prudence and propriety to scorn. He writes down the thoughts suggested by what he reads just as they occur, employing the picturesque phraseology in which they embody themselves. And the former are not always very correct nor the latter very refined. "They are a set of hogs," is a phrase that recurs more frequently than most. "What a beast he is!" is another *ekaya skotina*. The account of a fire, of a failure of the crops, of a famine, or of some other calamity, is almost invariably commented upon in the one stereotyped word, "discouraging" (*nayootelshitelno*).

Lunch is always served at one o'clock, and consists of three courses, including soup, in the preparation of which Russian cookery is far ahead of that of the rest of Europe. After lunch the Emperor takes his recreation in the park, walking or working, conversing with the members of his family or with General Richter, General Tcherevin, or one of his adjutants. He generally reads the newspapers at this time of the day—viz., the "Grashdanin" and the "Moscow Gazette" (the Novoe Vremya, which is presented to him each day on special paper, he rarely honours with a glance), and listens to the reading of the summary of the previous day's news, which consists of extracts from the Russian and foreign papers selected by officials and copied out in a calligraphic hand on the finest paper in the empire. Besides these *precis*, one of foreign, the other of home news, he takes a keen delight in hearing the gossip and scandal of the fashionable world of the capital.

Recreation over, the Emperor gives audience to those Ministers whose reports are due on that day, discusses the matters laid before him, and reads over the edicts drawn up for his signature, signing them or putting them aside for future consideration. At eight p.m. dinner, consisting of four courses, is served *en famille*. After dinner the Czar takes tea in the private apartments of the Empress, where he invariably appears in a check blouse and leather belt, which would impart a rude shock to the notions of Court etiquette prevalent in most European countries.

The Emperor takes a visible delight in manual labour, which, in his case, is a physical necessity no less than a favourite pastime. He unhesitatingly puts his hand to any kind of work that has to be done, but his usual occupation is to fell huge trees, saw them into planks, plane them, and generally prepare them for the cabinet-maker.

HIS LITERARY TASTE.

The Czar, in spite of all his occupations, is lonely, yes, and sighs for the quiet pleasures of a private life. "Ah, how I long to bury myself in the country, and live on an estate," he has often said; but as he is called to a throne, he remains at the post of duty. Even "Lanin" is constrained to declare:—

Whatever the Czar's faults, even the strictest censor will admit that, from a man who holds thus tenaciously on to a post of suffering and danger in the silent manliness of grief, in the belief that he is performing a duty to his people and his God, it is impossible to withhold the tribute of respect reserved for the noble and the brave.

The Czar's intellectual occupations are not nearly so fatiguing as his physical labours, and his reading is less varied and extensive than that of many of the ladies who frequent his court. Besides the two newspapers already named, and two historical reviews, he confines his reading to Russian, French, and English novels. Among the novelists of his own country he prefers Count Tolstoi, little though he relishes him as a preacher. Music has a soothing effect upon him, as it had upon Saul, but, like Kant, he displays a particular fondness for loud music. He himself plays the trombone with as much success as any specialist in his military band, and occasionally organises quartettes at the palace in which he takes an active part with his favourite instrument. His love for the fine arts is moderately developed, and is excelled by the correct taste which he has uniformly displayed in all the purchases of pictures he has ever effected at home or abroad.

For science the Czar has no appreciative organ. Russian history, where it merges into romance—the Russian history painted by Repin and dramatised by Count Tolstoi—possesses powerful attractions for a monarch the dream of whose life it is to resuscitate the spirit, if not the outward form, of the forgotten past.

A MAN OF HIS WORD.

"Lanin" recognises his absolute truthfulness:—

Respect for his word, whether that word assumes the form of a promise, a threat, or opinion, is one of the main virtues and faults of the Russian Emperor, whose dogged stobbornness often heightens, and sometimes wholly alters the ethical colour of his actions.

Of moral courage, he adds, the Czar possesses enough for a hero or a martyr. He chronicles the following saying:—

"Cleverness! ability!" he one day exclaimed scornfully to M. Vyschnegradsky, when that gentleman proposed X. for an important post in the Ministry, and depreciated E. as an honest, mediocrity, "we have too much cleverness and ability as it is. A little more honesty will stand us in good stead. I mean to appoint E." And he did appoint him, to the detriment of the administration.

Nor can it be denied that his reply to the Queen of Denmark, when she and her husband exhausted their entreaties in urging him to deal more mercifully with the Stundists, was he lacking in a certain dry sarcasm when he is reported to have said:—

I, a born Russian, find it a most difficult task to govern my people from Gatchina, which, as you know, is in Russia; and now do you really fancy that you, who are foreigners, can rule them more successfully from Copenhagen?

ERRORS OF AUTHORS.

THE queer mental obliviousness which sometimes leads men to forget or ignore facts which are perfectly obvious to everybody but themselves, and at most times to themselves also, writes the *Globe-Democrat*, has often been noted in the case of professional authors. It was while labouring under a fit of aberration that Macaulay, when speaking of the manner in which great minds discredited themselves when stooping to tasks beneath them, said that it would be unfair to estimate Goldsmith by "The Vicar of Wakefield," or Scott by "The Life of Napoleon." He wrote the lines with his own hand, himself re-read and revised it, then read and corrected the proofs, and after the review in which the article was published (the *Edinburgh*, of October 1841) had appeared, it occurred to the author that he meant to have written "History of Greece" instead of "Vicar of Wakefield." Macaulay knew perfectly well what he wanted to write, but the familiarty of the expression made him oblivious to his real meaning, and, without intending to do so, he wrote "Vicar of Wakefield" from mere force of habit. Writers of fiction are peculiarly liable to errors when stating matters of fact. It not infrequently happens that one part of the narrative fails completely to tally with another. Several such errors, caused by sheer forgetfulness, are to be found in "Robinson Crusoe." When he wished to swim out to the wreck he feared that the distance would be too great if attempted with his clothes on, so he stripped and went out, and after his arrival, forgetting all about his nude condition, the author made him fill his pockets with biscuits from the ship's stores. A little later in the same connection he made Robinson mourn for the loss of his clothes, swept away by the tide, forgetful that there were several trunks of sailors' clothing on board the ship, to say nothing of the stores carried by the purser.

Shakespeare speaks of King John and his barons fighting with cannon, whereas these instruments of destruction were then entirely unknown: he causes one character to mention printing a couple of hundred year before the time of Gutenberg, and another to allude to striking clocks in the days of Julius Cæsar; he mentions a billiard-table as part of the furniture of Cleopatra's summer palace, and causes Hector to quote Aristotle; he makes ridiculous blunders in geography, giving seaports to Bohemia, an inland country, and speaking of Delphos as an island. All these were probably blunders of ignorance, for in matters like these the great dramatist seldom rose above the common knowledge of his day; but in Hamlet there are two exceedingly curious mistakes evidently the result of pure forgetfulness. One is in the speech made by the ghost to Hamlet:—

> But that I am ferbid
> To tell the secrets of my prison house,
> I could a tale unfold, whose lightest word
> Would harrow up thy soul, freeze thy young blood,
> Make thy two eyes, like stars, start from their spheres,
> Thy knotted and combined locks to part,
> And each particular hair to stand on end
> Like quills upon the fretful porcupine;
> But this eternal blazon must not be
> To ears of flesh and blood. List, list, oh list!

If the passage has any meaning it must refer to the story of the murder, which the ghost, in spite of his earnest assertion that he is forbidden to disclose, immediately proceeds to narrate. In a popular novel of recent date the author decided to kill his victim with consumption, and then gave him all the symptoms of pneumonia. Wilkie Collins avoided blunders of this kind by a curiously practical method. When he wished to use sickness as a means of promoting the plot of his story, he interviewed the family physician on the subject. In one of Massinger's plays a rival powders a bouquet with poison, a lady takes the flowers in her hand, her lover kisses the tips of her fingers and drops dead. Even Shakespeare is sometimes gravely in error when he undertakes to dispose of his characters by poisoning them, as witness the famous case of Hamlet's father, who, as the dramatist alleges, was murdered by having poison poured into his ears, and died without waking.

The "Count of Monte Cristo" is full of slips that could have occurred only through the author's forgetfulness. The fortune with which he endows his hero is enormous, being about 4,000,000 dols to begin with, and after years of the most reckless expenditure, after money has been scattered with both hands and in lavishly prodigal fashion, the author assures his readers in calm forgetfulness of the amount with which he started the count on his career, that the remainder is over 10,000,000 dols. Thackeray, who was exceedingly anxious to get everything right, was perpetually getting things wrong. Any reader who takes the pains to examine critically the works of the great English satirist, will find innumerable blunders, arising for the most part simply from carelessness. The names are mixed, the hero is sometimes called by the name of one of the other characters, and in at least one place an important personage is called by a name from another novel. This was Philip Firmin, whom he called Clive Newcome. Nor was this his worst blunder, for in another story he killed and buried old Lady Kew, and later brought her again on the scene to round off a corner of the story.

George Eliot, whose knowledge of science is highly commended, in "The Mill on the Floss" makes the odd blunder of having the boat overtaken in mid-stream by a mass of drift floating at a more rapid rate than the frail craft, a physical impossibility. More than one astronomer has pointed out the mistakes Charles Reade has perpetrated in astronomy and geography. But Reade is not the only sinner in this particular. Howells sometimes makes a parade of his knowledge, and in one place in "Silas Lapham" alludes to the "rank and file" as synonymous with officers and men. Dean Swift speaks of Pennsylvania as a frozen, desert plain, a blunder that might be extenuated on the score of the ignorance prevailling in his time, and, for that matter, ever since, in England, of American matters; while Amelia B. Edwards, in "Hand and Glove," mentions "an overseer on a Massachusetts cotton plantation."

The unlucky author of "Don Quixote," writing in his cellar-gaol, with the stone window ledge for a desk, could not be expected to have the accuracy of a scholar, and the circumstances under which his great book was written no doubt furnish at least a partial explanation of its innumerable oversights and blunders. With regard to Mambrino's helmet—*i. e.* the barber's basin—we are told that when the galley slaves attacked the Don, they took the basin from his head and broke it all to pieces. A little further along, Sancho had the basain, intending to get it mended; still further, it is again mentioned as "broken into a thousand pieces," and the same day the Don comes into the company at the inn with the basin on his head. In one place we are assured that Gines de Passamonte stole Dapper, Sancho's donkey, and a few lines further on it is stated that "Sancho, seated on Dapper, jogged on leisurely after his master." Sancho left his wallet at the tavern, where he suffered the blanket tossing, and a little later had his greatcoat stolen by the galley slaves, but a short time after, finding a portmanteau in the mountains, he crammed the gold into his wallet and put the linen into his greatcoat pockets. So careless was the author, that in one place he makes a large party eat two suppers in one evening.

The *Sardanapalus* is an imaginative, not an historical, performance, and when he wrote it Byron must have known perfectly well that the Sardanapalus of history was an entirely different character from the one is supposed to be in Byron's drama. When speaking of Xerxes' ships, about 1,200 in number, Byron multiplies them into thousands. Nor is he entirely correct in his geography, for he alludes to Taos as an island, whereas it is a seaport in Asia Minor. Greene, the dramatist, speaks of Delphos as an island of Greece, but Delphos is an inland city, as he might have learned by consulting any map or other books of reference. Longfellow makes as bad a mistake as any when, in an effort to be classical, he crowns the death angel with amaranth, the flower of life and the life angel with asphodels. Longfellow simply got the two mixed. The phenomena of the moon's changes are, however, of a nature that seem to befog the Poetic mind to an incredible extent. Rider Haggard, for instance, in his romance, "King Solomon's Mines," tells of an eclipse that took place at the new moon, a blunder that was not much worse than that of Dickens, who speaks of the new moon in the east in the evening, and Besant hardly improves on the situation when, in "The Children of Gibeon," he makes a new moon come above the eastern sky at two o'clock in the morning. So, also, Coleridge gets his ideas of the moon fearfully confused when, in the "Ancient Mariner," he speaks of a new moon rising in the east with a bright star between her horns. Trollope was heartily laughed at by his acquaintances for causing Andy Scott to "come whistling up the street with a cigar in his mouth." Annoyed at their gibes, he claimed that the thing was quite possible, that anyone could whistle with a cigar in his mouth; but after vainly making the attempt to achieve the feat, he yielded the point, and in the next edition left out the cigar.

THE WAZIRISTAN DELIMITATION COMMISSION.

A TELEGRAM from Dera Ismail Khan, dated 30th October, says:—It is reported that some 800 unruly Mahsud Waziris, under a fanatical *mullah*, are moving from Kaniguram into the Kaisara Valley, and may possibly receive material accessions to their strength on reaching their destination.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON SOCIAL REFORMS.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN addressed his constituents on October 11 in the Town Hall, Birmingham. He said he should devote his speech to a consideration of the social reforms which called for legislation. The most urgent was the promotion of temperance. Intemperance was the great blot upon our civilisation, and a fruitful cause of misery, pauperism, and crime. What had struck him during his public life was that while the evil was universally recognised, yet nothing had been done by legislation to remedy it. Why was that? Because they had been proceeding upon wrong lines. It was a great misfortune that the leadership of the temperence party had fallen into the hands of extreme men—into the hands of partisans more anxious to prohibit drinking than to prevent drukenness, more eager to punish the publican, who, after all, was carrying on a legal trade, than to reclaim the drunkard. He himself believed the Local Veto Bill to be a bad Bill. Let them understand each other. It was not a bad Bill because it adopted the principal of local option. Nothing could be fairer than that a community as a whole should have the conduct of this trade. But the Local Veto Bill was not in any true sense a Bill for local option. It was a Bill to restrict local option. Under the Local Veto Bill the community would only have power to decide one question, namely, whether there should be no pulic-houses or all that exist at present. If—as he believed would be the case—the vast majority decided in favour of the continued existence of public-houses, but at the same time desired to regulate them, to control them, so as to prevent abuses, under the Local Veto Bill they would be powerless to do so. The Local Veto Bill was also an unjust Bill, because if it proposed to do good—which he very much doubted—it was going to do it by doing evil—by taking away the property of the publican, who was just as much entitled to consideration as any other respectable tradesman. It was also an unequal Bill, because it would interfere with the convenience and enjoyment of the poor, but not with the pleasures or abuses of the rich. In the last place it was an impracticable Bill, because prohibition, which was all that it proposed, would be impossible precisely in those places where regulation was most desirable. Upon this question he was in entire agreement with Mr. Gladstone. He himself believed that that policy which had been pursued, mistakenly, no doubt, with so much earnestness by many misguided people was neither more nor less than an ipmosture, and that the only safe and tenable principle to which they ought to adhere was to take the control of this particular trade into public hands, and deal with it in such a way that all idea of private property and personal gain should be eliminated from it.

THE HOMES OF THE PEOPLE.

The next reform he advocated was to assist working men to become the owners of the houses they lived in, by advancing to them the deposits in the savings bank. He said:—Parliament has allotted the sum of nearly £40,000,000 sterling to enable the Irish tenant to become the owner of his own holding. I do not grudge the British credit which is being used for this beneficent purpose. I believe that this system not only aots to the advantage of the tenant in Ireland, but, if that be so, why, I ask, should we not go further? Why should we not extend this beneficent principle? Why should not we give the artisan in the towns an equal chance with the Irish tenant? He is profoundly loyal, his honesty unquestioned, he is as deserving as any other class in the community, and by giving him this opportunity to acquire a substantial stake in the country you will be giving increased stability to all our institutions, you will raise his conception of responsibilities and of his civil rights. (Cheers.) I want to put before you ih figures the result of such a reform as that which I am suggesting. I think they will be calculated rather to surprise you. I mill take an ordinary workman's house in Birmingham which is let at a rental of 5*s.* 6*d.* a week. That would be a fairly comfortable houses I believe the calculation can be varied in any way, but my own impression is that, in the majority of cases, £140 would purchase the freehold. Now, I was going to say, in order that you might have the whole case before you, you must bear in mind that, under these circumstances, the tenant would have to pay the rates which are now charged to the landlord, but my inquiries show that in such a house as that which I save described the rates would not amount to more than 1*s.* a week, and consequently 6*s.* 6*d.* per week for ten years, 4*s.* for twenty years, and 3*s.* 3*d.* for thirty years, would give him the ownership of his house. See what an enormous boon this would be to thousands and tens of thousands of working men, which might become the owners of their own dwellings without adding in any way to their present charges. Is it unreasonable that the State, which represents the community, should give this assistance which is requisite to the success of our plans? There are already ample precedents, but I will go further. I will point out to you that all that I am asking is that the State shall use money that now belongs to the working classes and invest it for their benefit. At the present time the State holds eighty millions of money in the savings banks of this country, the result of the thrift of the working classes. The State pays them 2½ per cent. interest upon that money. All I ask is that it should lend it back again to them at 3 per cent.

TRADE QUESTIONS.

After referring to old-age pensions, he referred to trade questions, saying I have been all my life a supporter of the principle of trade unions, especially of the older trade unionism, which, it appears to me, filled so useful a place in our national policy before anything was ever heard of Socialism—doctrines which are now in favour with the Trade Unions Congress. But I have been in favour of combination among working people in order to secure their own interests. It seems to me perfectly evident that in order that they may not be at a disadvantage in bargaining with their employers they must combine among themselves, and if they join a well-managed trade union this enables them to approach any question in dispute on something like equality of terms. I think that, on the whole, the trade unions in this country have been wisely managed, and that they have tended rather to reduce the number and the severity of those industrial conflicts which we all deplore; but there still are, as we have painfully experienced even in the last few months, too many of these industrial conflicts ending in strikes, which, whatever the ultimate result, may be disastrous to all concerned. (Hear, hear.) Gentlemen, industrial warfare is like wars between nations. It is always much more costly than the worth of the object at stake. I don't myself pretend that I have any absolute remedy for industrial wars any more than I have for international conflicts, but I do think that we might make an experiment, and that there is much in our past experience to justify the hope that this experiment might do much to reduce the number of these most unhappy events. I should propose that there should be created in every industrial centre an impartial and judicial tribunal of arbitration. I should propose to give to it all the authority and dignity of an ordinary court of law. I should suggest that it was presided over by a judge who should have a similar position and a similar salary to the judges of the High Court, and who should sit attended by assessors chosen for the purpose of each dispute. Now, if such a court were to be established you will understand at once its decisions could not be legally enforced. If 100,000 men were out on strike, as happened the other day in the mining industry, there is not a police force in the world that could compel them to go to work, and that could keep them at work against their will. But public opinion is a great influence in this country, and I believe that there is no case of any party to a strike, whether on one side or the other, having been successful if public opinion declared decisively against it. I believe that if such courts as I propose were established a party which refused to go to arbitration, or which refused to accept the verdict of this impartial tribunal, would be condemned by public opinion, would be deprived of all public support, and the knowledge of that would lead in the majority of instances to the acceptance of the decision which might be given. Well, surely such an experiment is worth a trial.

REFORMS ALREADY ACCOMPLISHED.

Having expressed a desire to give power to a two-thirds majority of shopkeepers in any given trade in any given district to settle the hours during which they will work, Mr. Chamberlain went on to refer to pauper immigration, and employers' liability, and spoke as follows:—In the past your help and the influence of the masses of the working classes throughout the Kingdom have enabled great social changes to be accomplished. We ourselves have been the witnesses. We have seen the conditions of labour made more healthy, safer, and less irksome. We have seen facilities for education, for thrift, and for recreation extended. We have seen the care of the public health made a public duty until the sanitary condition of the homes of the very poor may compare not altogether unfavourably with the conditions of the rich some 30 or 50 years ago. The labourers in the counties have been assisted to allotments and small holdings. The working classes have had free education brought to their very doors; technical instruction is now close to the hands of every artisan. I do not recall those things in order to prove that there is nothing more to be done or that the resources of legislation have been exhausted. On the contrary, I recall them now in order that we may be encouraged in well-doing and that we may go forward in the hope of securing equal advantages in the future. What we have gained we have gained by frank and honest dealing. We have gained it by remembering that the interests of one class cannot be separated from the interests of the whole community. It is not by setting class against class that we can proceed with advantage, nor can we found the prosperity of one upon the ruin of another; neither must we expect too much of legislation. After all, the working man will still do more for himself than his rulers can possibly accomplish on his behalf. But we may, I verily believe, by a continuance in the course which we have already pursued, by wise and patriotic co-operation, do something to relieve the unfortunate—something to raise the general level of prosperity and well-being. The Government of to-day is no longer a Government representing privilege and wealth. It is a Government which is—or ought to be—an organised expression of the wishes and the wants of the whole people of this country, and as such, we may fairly call upon it to leave off these perpetual Constitional experiments, and to use its vast resources and its great influence to promote some practical measures to secure the greater happiness of the greatest number.

PRINCESS ALIX'S WEDDING TROUSSEAU.

THE *Daily Telegraph* published a long article, "by an English expert," describing the wedding trousseau of Princess Alix. The writer says there are many pairs of very fine silken stockings in pale pink, pale blue, a silvery tone of grey, and most delicate French grey and green, to be worn with evening dress. These are all embroidered in fine little raised sprays, with pale colourings in silk, either contrasting in hue or admirably harmonising with the stockings themselves. For ordinary day wear there are liberal numbers of black spun silk thick and durable, and having a very pretty light open work design up the centre of the foot. Many are of fine black silk for in-door wear with smart afternoon dresses, and they are embroidered in a small Paisley design, and some in wild flower sprays, called respectively "chintz" and "Dolly Varden," and likely to be very popular this season. It is nice to reflect that these are of English make, and that the embrodery has been wrought by the nimble fingers of Nottingham cottagers. There are some pairs of a design in broken lines of bright colour crossing a black ground, such as red and bronze lines on black and pale blue, and yellow lines on a similar sombre background that are of Mr. Lee's own conception. Many pairs in silver grey have lines and dots through them, paler grey-looking by contrast almost white. Others are black embroidered in pale colour such as clover, periwinkle, anthurium, or gloxinia, all destined to match dresses with which they will eventually be worn. Of all, the very prettiest are of black silk, the foot in stripes of exquisitely fine real black lace work, with narrow stripes of the silk between, and the lace delicately caught up over the silk with the effect of a fine embroidery. In the same style are some having the lace work less fine, and yet well-nigh cobweb-like in texture, with a slightly raised silk embroidery over where the lace work unites with the stocking. The Royal Stuart tartan also figures among the trousseau stocking, for the Queen gives to all members of her family on their marriage at least one dress in velvet of this design. There are also ribbed open work black and white stockings in a woven tiny meshed stripe called Grecian, though made in Nottingham, that are very fascinating. Each pair has the cypher "A," surmounted by a Princess' crown, embroidered in red as marking. There is also a quantity of Nottingham silk and woollen underwear of a light, warm durable, and exquisitely soft kind, marked again with the Princess' cypher and crown. It is interesting to know that the Princess has many gloves in glace kid with plain stitching matching the kid, and that her favourite colours are yellow, greys, and tans. For in-door wear are a goodly selection of "perfect" fitting Swede gloves in lovely light shades, prettily and aptly called champagne shades, as well as many white, grey, fawn, and tan colourings. There are some pairs of English buckskin gloves made in England, and beautifully soft, pliable, and durable, as well as some of antelope skin, which are still more soft and pliable, and are specially suitable for riding and driving. Then there are gloves of English make from Russia leather, the skins having been prepared in the Crimea. Veils are also included in this order, Mr. Lee having been fortunate enough long ago to succeed in shipping and making veils to fit the hats and bonnets worn by the Princess of Hesse-Darmstadt, and having registered his idea. These are in black, white, and grey, and have the mesh very finely woven, and the spots small, sometimes in groups and sometimes single. A new veil made in Nottingham is also included, and looks like point d'Alencon bordering and sprigs applied on a fine Brussels net ground in an ivory white colouring, very becoming to the complexion. The prettiest items are little dainty twilled silk morning jackets, having finely tucked Vandyke collars trimmed with lace, and some having pointed sailor collars with lace insertion. These are in very pale colous. Some silk and satin broche blouses are also very charming, trimmed in various, but always pretty, ways with velvet or lace. One having black Spanish lace over the yoke, and on the sleeves to the elbow, was particularly good style, as was a tea gown in twilled silk with insertion and trimming of ecru lace. The colours are chiefly those which the Princess likes best, delicate soft pinks and greys.

THE SCHOOL DAYS OF THE YOUNG ROMAN.

RECALLING the school days of the Romans, M. E. Pearson, M.A., writes to the "University Correspondent" saying it is interesting to observe how the Romans settled the questions which now-a-days form subjects of discussion in the educational world. The modern tendency is to prefer school education to education at home: and this view is held by Quintilian, who brings forward, on both sides, much the same arguments as are now advanced. In the early days of the Republic, however, the boy was usually taught at home by his father. The instruction which the Roman soldier and agriculturist would give his children would not include much more than reading, writing, and calculation: it is characteristic of the Roman reverence for law that the Twelve Tables were learnt by heart; this custom had, however, died out by Cicero's time, to his regret. Cato, in his conversation, was himself the instructor of his sons when the father had for the most part relinquished that function. Those who were unable to instruct their sons entrusted them to a tutor, who was generally a slave or freedman—so little was thought necessary to equip a man for the work of education. It is probable, however, that in the earliest times there were schools for elementary instruction. If we do not put much faith in Plutarch's account of Romulus and Remus at school, we need not ignore Virginia on her way to school when Appius Claudius saw her. Later, the sons of the highest and lowest alike were sent to school; the Emperor's family, however, received instruction from private tutors. Boys and girls learnt together, but we do not hear of women teachers. The schools of the early days of the Republic would have a very restricted curriculum; they were presided over by the literator, or magister literarius; but when Greek influence spread a wider education came into vogue, and the grammaticus took his place in the Roman world. Under him the boys studied the Greek and Latin poets, Homer being the favourite. Horace looks forward to the time when his works shall be included in the programme. His expectations were fulfilled; by the time of Juvenal, Virgil and Horace had become text-books of the schools. About 100 A.D. it became the fashion to prefer the older Latin poets—Naevius, Ennius, Plautus, Lucilius. With regard to the manner of study, the pupils repeated passages after the master, with special attention to articulation and expression; they also learnt by heart, and studied the subject-matter; we may hope that Juvenal is exaggerating when he mentions specimens of the things a schoolmaster is expected to know. The schoolroom was usually a verandah partly open to the street; its fittings were not very elaborate. The master sat on a chair, and the children either stood or sat on benches. There would be tablets of wax or wood (Quintilian prefers the latter) for the writing-lessons, the letters being *cut* in so that the pupils could run his stilus along the groove, and an abacus to teach arithmetic. Quintilian mentions ivory letters to facilitate learning to read, he prefers beginning with the letters to the syllabic method formerly employed. As early as the third century, A.D., we hear of a wall-map of the Roman Empire. The boys came to school early, sometimes even before daylight: they brought their lamps with them, and the smoke from the lamps blackened their copies of Horace and Virgil, and was one of the minor trials of the schoolmaster's life. Each boy was accompanied by his pedagogues and by an inferior slave who carried his books.

MR. BARNES has taken over charge from Captain Kaye as Resident in Kashmir.

IT is now certain that a special committee will meet in Calcutta to revise the remaining portions of the Cantonment Code, after the Code has been submitted to Local Governments for criticism. The committee, however, will not include any Cantonment Magistrate; but Mr. Wigley and those Additional Members of Council who dealt with the Bill last season will most probably consider it again in January next.

THE WARES OF AUTOLYCUS.

OF CONVERSATION.

I MUST admit that in conversation I am not a brilliant success. Partly, indeed, that may be owing to the assiduity with which my aunt suppressed my early essays in the art: "Children," she said, "should be seen but not heard," and incontinently rapped my knuckles; to a larger degree, however, I regard it as intrinsic. This tendency to silence, to go out of the rattle and dazzle of the conversation into a quiet apart, is largely, I hold, the consequence of a certain elevation and breadth and tenderness of mind; I am no blowfly to buzz my way through the universe, no rattle that I should be expected to delight my fellow-creatures by the noises I produce. I go about to this social function and that, deporting myself gravely and decently in silence, taking, if possible, a back seat, and in consequence of that people who do not understand me have been heard to describe me as a "stick," as "shy," and an abundance of the like unflattering comments. So that I am bound almost in self-justification to set down my reasons for this temperance of mine in conversation.

Speech, no doubt, is a valuable gift, but at the same time it is a gift that may be abused. What is regarded as polite conversation is, I hold, such an abuse. Alcohol, opium, tea are all very excellent things in their way; but imagine continuous alcohol, an incessant opium, or to receive, ocean-like, a perennially flowing river of tea! That is my objection to this conversation: its continuousness. You have to keep on. You find three or four people gathered together, and instead of being restful and recreative, sitting in comfortable attitudes and at peace with themselves and each other, and now and again, perhaps three or four times in an hour, making a worthy and memorable remark—they are all haggard and intent upon keeping this fetish flow a-going. A fortuitous score of cows in a field are a thousand times happier than a score of people deliberately assembled for the purposes of happiness. These conversationalists say the most shallow and needless of things, impart aimless information, simulate interest they do not feel, and generally impugn their claim to be considered reasonable creatures. Why, when people assemble without hostile intentions, it should be so imperative to keep the trickling rill of talk running, I find it impossible to imagine. It is a vestige of the old barbario times, when men murdered at sight for a mere whim; when it was good form to take off your sword in the ante-chamber, and give your friend your dagger-hand, to show him it was no business visit. Similarly you keep up this babblement to show your mind has no sinister concentration, not necessarily because you have anything to say, but as a guarantee of good faith. You have to make a noise all the time, like the little boy who was left in the room with the plums. It's the only possible explanation.

To a logical mind there is something very distressing in this social law of gabble. Out of regard for Mrs. A, let us say, I attend some festival she has inaugarated. There I meet for the first time a young person of pleasant exterior, and I am placed in her company to deliver her at a dinner table, or dance her about, or keep her out of harm's way, in a cosy nook. She has also never seen me before, and probably does not particularly want to see me now. However, I find her nice to look at, and she has taken great pains to make herself nice to look at, and why we cannot pass the evening, I looking at her and she being looked at, I cannot imagine. But no; we must talk. Now possibly there are topics she knows about and I don't—it's unlikely, but suppose so; these topics she doesn't want to be informed upon. Then, again, I know other topics that are unknown to her, and it seems a mean and priggish thing to broach these, since they put her at a disadvantage. Then, thirdly, come a last group of subjects upon which we are equally informed, and upon which, therefore, neither of us is justified in telling things to the other. This classification of topics seems to me exhaustive.

These considerations, I think, apply to all conversations. In every conversation, every departure must either be a presumption when you talk into your antagonist's special things, a pedantry when you fall back upon your own, or a platitude when you tell each other things you both know. I don't see any other line a conversation can take. The reason why one has to keep up the stream of talk is possibly, as I have already suggested, to manifest good will. And in so many cases this could be expressed so much better by a glance, a deferential carriage, possibly in some cases a gentle pressure of the hand, or a quiet persistent smile. And suppose there is some loophole in my reasoning—though I cannot see it—and that possible topics exist, how superficial and unexact is the best conversation to a second-rate book!

Even with two people you see the objection, but when three or four are gathered together the case is infinitely worse to a man of delicate perceptions. Let us suppose—I do not grant it—that there is a possible sequence of things to say to the person A that really harmonize with A and yourself. Grant also that there is a similar sequence between yourself and B. Now imagine yourself and A and B at the corners of an equilateral triangle set down to talk to each other. The kind of talk that A appreciates is a discord with B, and similarly B's sequence is impossible in the hearing of A. As a matter of fact, a real conversation of three people is the most impossible thing in the world. In real life one of the three always drops out and becomes a mere audience, or a mere partizan. In real life you and A talk and B pretends to be taking a share by interjecting interruptions, or one of the three talks a monologue. And the more subtle your sympathy and the greater your restraint from self-assertion, the more incredible triple and quadruple conversation becomes.

I have observed that there is even now-a-days a certain advance towards my views in this matter. Men may not pick out antagonists and argue to the general audience as once they did: there is a tacit taboo of controversy, neither may you talk your "shop," nor invite your antagonist to talk his. There is also a growing feeling against extensive quotations or paraphrases from the newspapers. Again, personalities, scandal, is, at least in theory, excluded. This narrows the scope down to the "last new book," "the last new play," "impressions de voyage," and even here it is felt that any very ironical or satirical remarks, anything unusual, in fact, may disconcert your adversary. You ask: Have you read the "Green Carnation?" The answer is "Yes." "Do you like it?" "It's smart in a way." And so forth. Most of this is stereo. It's akin to responses in church, a prescription, a formula. And, following out this line of thought, I have had a vision of the twentieth century dinner. At a distance it is very like the nineteenth century type, the same bright light, the same pleasant deglutition, the same hum of conversation; but approaching you discover each diner has a little drum-shaped body under his chin—his phonograph. So he dines and babbles at his ease. In the smoking-room he substitutes his anecdote record. Imagine, too, the suburban hostess meeting the new maiden: "I hope, dear, you have brought a lot of conversation" just as now she asks for the music. For my own part, I must confess I find this dinner conversation particularly a bother. If I could eat with my eye it would be different.

I lose a lot of friends through this conversational difficulty. They think it is my dulness or my temper when really it is only my refined mind, my subtlety of consideration. It seems to me that when I go to see a man I go to see him to enjoy his presence. If he is my friend, the sight of him healthy and happy is enough for me. I don't want him to keep his vocal cords, and I don't want to keep my own vocal cords, in incessant vibration all the time I am in his company. If I go to see a man, it distracts me to have to talk and it distracts me to hear him talking. I can't imagine why one should not go and sit about in people's rooms, without bothering them and without their bothering you to say all these stereotyped things. Quietly go in, sit down, look at your man until you have seen him enough, and then go. Why not?

Let me once more insist that this keeping up a conversation is a sign of insecurity, of want of confidence. All those who have had real friends know that when the friendship is assured the gabble ceases. You are not at the heart of your friend if either of you cannot go off comfortably to sleep in the other's presence. Speech was given us to make known our needs, and for imprecation, expostulation, and entreaty. This pitiful necessity we are under upon social occasions to say something—however inconsequent—is, I am assured, the very degradation of speech.—*Pall Mall Gazette.*

THE illness of the Czar, although forbidden to be mentioned in the Press, is causing serious anxiety in Finland. Those who have followed events in that country will know how the Czar refused to sanction the outcry of the extreme party in Russia, and has refused to abolish any prominent part of the Finnish Constitution, which he and his forefathers pledged themselves to sustain. These pledges have been invariably obtained by the Secretary of State for Finland on the ascension to the throne of the various Emperors. For the moment the entire Finnish people (writes a Finish Correspondent) pray that the life of the Czar, their friend, may be spared.

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THE ART OF WATCH-MAKING.

AN addition has just been made to the Museum of the Guildhall of a very practical character. As is well known there has been for some time in one of its departments the collection of watches and clocks of the Clockmakers' Company; and many will have gazed in wonder at the curious old "grandfathers" which are here collected together; the clocks with wooden wheels, the one driven by gas, the electric clock, and the many others that are strangely interesting even to the casual observer. To this

PURELY PERSONAL.

THE following extract from a letter of Oliver Wendell Holmes, published in facsimile in this week's "Publishers' Circular," is interesting. It was addressed to Mr. Marston, of the well-known publishing firm, and has reference to the book of personal reminiscences on which the Autocrat was known to be engaged :—"I have not decided whether to publish during my life or to leave my manuscript for a literary executor. All I am doing at present is to dictate to my secretary such recollections as I think may interest readers, with whatever trains of thought they may suggest. This was written just two years ago. Whether the book was completed at the time of his death is not yet known."

Some interesting particulars of Ruskin at Corpus are given in the magazine of the College, the "Pelican Record." The ceremony of Professor Ruskin's admission as a Fellow was not, the writer says, unimpressive, and was certainly amusing. The good old President—one of the kindliest of beings—was a fine example of pre-scientific man, to borrow a phrase applied to himself by the Vice-gerent of another College about that time. To him, Ruskin, in the plenitude of his genius and culture, made a dutiful little address, taking upon himself vows of almost monastic character, especially in the reverence and obedience which he promised to the head of his second College. The President was deeply touched. He was even more gratified when the Professor went on to say—Mr. President, I am a Conservative. A resident Fellow of that complexion had not been known in the College for years. With a tear of sensibility the President replied :—This is indeed an unexpected pleasure. You will, I am afraid, find the tutors great Radicals. They are, however, most excellent and zealous men, but hard, terribly hard, on the poor drones.

The more formal proceedings on that occasion terminated with luncheon in the President's lodgings:—It was there that to the President's favourite remark deprecatory of the Americanising of our institutions, Ruskin prettily replied, "Yes but even where the mighty waters of Niagara are tumbling and rushing past, little birds have their peaceful nests in holes of the rock. So we may make us quiet retreats and nests such as this, while the great torrent of humanity rushes by us to its doom." It was on the same occasion that he compared trees to cities, with their countless multitudes, not merely of sentient beings, but also of restless, wind-stirred leaves—"so busy, so busy!" The hole impression left of the day's proceedings was "mediæval, romantic, idyllic."

Mr. Ruskin's exquisite sensitiveness was sometimes shown in a sudden and unexpected manner. One day in the hall the conversation turned upon Dore:—One of the Fellows remarked that Dore's illustrations of Don Quixote seemed to him to have considerable merit, and that the artist had not treated the hero with greater indignity than had the author. Tears began to course down the Professor's cheeks. He laid down his knife and fork, saying, "You have spoiled my dinner. The offender was aghast. "Have you seen the Dore Gallery?" then asked the Professor. "No," was the reply, "I never dared go, I knew that I should be disgusted there."

On another occasion, Mr. Ruskin was asked if he did not admire chrysanthemums in the quad. "Now he liked nothing abnormal or artificial, and he regarded the production of chrysanthemums as an unhallowed attempt to grow flowers at a season when nature meant that there should be no flowers, and so the startling answer came, 'I hate chrysanthemums.'"

A statue has just been erected at Dessau to the memory of Wilhelm Muller, on the hundredth anniversary of his birth. Wilhelm Muller was the father of Max Muller, the celebrated Oxford Professor, and was, like his son, one of the most accomplished philologists and linguists of his time. He was also one of the most noted lyric poets of Germany, and a distinguished soldier and patriot, who fought in the Liberation War at the battles of Lutzen, Bautzen, Hanau, and Culm. Dessau is the birthplace of both the elder and the younger Muller.

A lineal descendant of Peregrine White, the first white child in New England, she having been born within the limits of Cape Cod, on board the Mayflower, November 20, 1880 (O. S.), is living in Clinton, Mass. He is ninety years old, being the fifth generation removed from Peregrine.

Efforts are being made at Baltimore to raise money for a monument to Francis Scott Key, the author of "The Star-Spangled Banner." The promoters of the enterprise propose to erect in Patterson Park a tall shaft to the memory of the poet who gave to the United States its national anthem. The monument would overlook the Patapsco and Fort McHenry, the scene of the stirring events of the month of September, 1814, as well as the battlefiled of Patapsco Neck, and would stand upon the very ground where the defenders of the city threw up breastworks on what was then known as Loudenslager's Hill to repel the invaders.

The year 1809 seems to hold the "record" for the number of eminent men to which it gave birth. Mendelssohn, Gladstone, Tennyson, Holmes, Blackie and Darwin were all born in that year, and the list is remarkble. With one exception they have all lived to beeome grand old men of eighty or thereabouts.

At the Westminster County Court the other day a plaintiff claimed two guineas as his reward for introducing a lady to the defendant with a view to marriage. The marriage, he said, had taken place, and he wanted his money. He did not know that "marriage-broking is held to be contrary to public policy, and that no reward promised for such consideration can be recovered in a court of law. The law thinks people ought to find their wives or husbands for themselves. Still, since it was only two guineas, and the "marriage had taken place, it is impossible not to feel that the plaintiff is rather hardly used.

The scientific world will be interested to know that the late Sir J. Cowell has left in manuscript an article—completed only the night before his death—which contains some new arguments in favour of the accuracy of General Drayson's theory of the second rotation of the earth. It will be remembered that the late Sir John in May, 1891, contributed an article on the subject to the "Nineteenth Century," and also wrote two articles in the American journal "Science." We understand that the article has been offered to one of the magazines.

Rumour was right in naming Canon Knox, Vicar of Aston, as successor to the late Bishop of Coventry. It was also rightfully assumed that the rectorship of St. Philip's, Birmingham, held by the late Dr. Bowlby, would of necessity go with the Bishopric, no salary being attached to the latter position. Canon Knox was a distinguished scholar at Oxford, and was in succession fellow, tutor, and chaplain of Merton College. He was appointed Vicar of Aston in 1891, when Canon Eliot went to Bournemouth. Before going to Aston he was Rector of Kibworth, in Leicestershire.

There is alarming news from America for Mr. Gladstone. Lady Henry Somerset was at Auburn, Maine, when the news reached her of Mr. Gladstone's change of front with regard to the Gothenburg System, and Lady Henry at once declared her intention of coming home to tackle the Grand Old Man. The last time she saw Mr. Gladstone—so she informed an interviewer—he promised that local option should be a plank in the Radical programme. If he has receded from that, she argues, it shows that the necessities of the campaign fund of the Liberal party are so pressing that the brewers' contributions are required, contributions which could not be secured if local option was advocated. If Lady Henry keeps her word, a lively element will be introduced into the political arena.

The Duke of Sutherland, it is stated, has arranged while in Scotland to hold bi-weekly meetings with such of his tenants as may desire a personal interview. This, the 'Glasgow Mail' points out, is a revival of an old custom which was common enough in Scotland in the last century, but which in these days has died away. Sir Arthur Gordon, in his Life of his father, the Premier Earl of Aberdeen, mentions that his lordship while at Haddo devoted every Saturday afternoon to holding receptions of his tenantry. "He received all who wished to speak to him on business, to complain of any grievance, to ask advice, or to give information." Curiously enough, among the last of the great landowners of Scotland to practise this species of "sitting at the gate" was the Duchess-Countess of Sutherland, the great-great grandmother of the present Duke.

It will always be remembered of Sir John Astley that in the Crimea he conceived the idea of organising and carrying out an athletic meeting on the plateau of the Redan, and fittingly enough he won the hundred yards race, with Lord Roberts—then a lieutenant—third. His best time at this distance was 10½ sec.

Mr. Rudolph Aronson, manager of the Casino Theatre, New York, arrived in England on the Majestic en route for Vienna. Mr. Aronson is the bearer of a wreath, to the cost of which contributions have been made by nearly every [illegible]er, musician, and conductor in [illegible]te of their admiration for Johann [illegible] King, whose fiftieth anniversary of his accession to conductorship will be celebrated in Vienna. The wreath, which is of sterling silver twenty-one inches in diameter, was designed by Mr. Paulding Farnham, and made by Tiffany. On the apex of the wreath is a portrait of Strauss in relief in gold, with a ribbon with strains of his famous Blue Danube Waltz engraved thereon. There are fifty leaves, on each one of which is inscribed a favourite composition. A shield at the lower extremity of the wreath has on it the Austrian coat of arms, and presented to Johann Strauss by his American admirers, October 15, 1894, with the intermingling of the Austrian and American colours.

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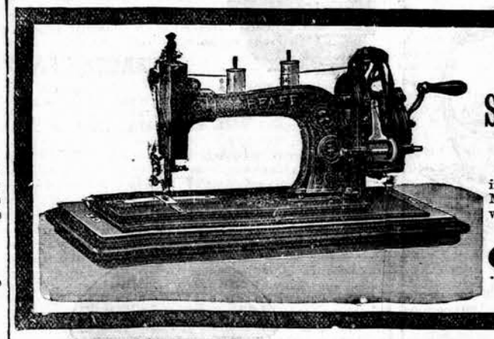

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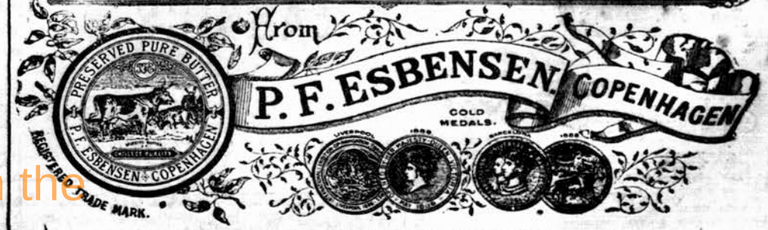

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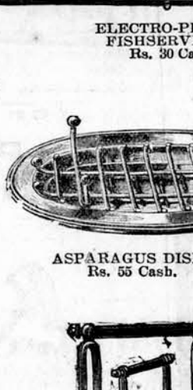

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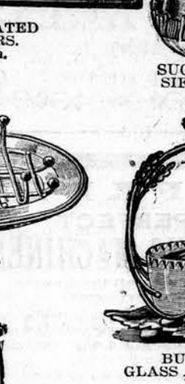

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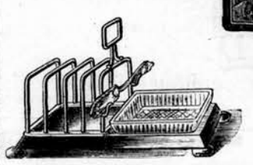

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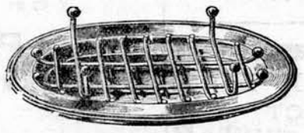

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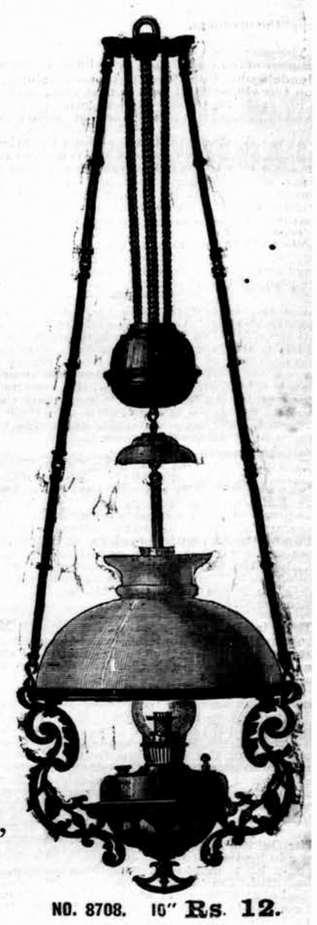

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